

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Question Of Policy

MR Walter McConaughy's latest appraisal of American policy towards Communist China, which has been dignified into a State Department publication, is bound to receive a mixed reception. One news agency describes its timing as "significant," in view of the pending Four Power foreign ministers' conference in Berlin, but others will probably consider "unfortunate" as being a more appropriate description. Certainly there is nothing in the policy assessment calculated to ease tension or soften international feelings either in the Far East or in Europe. Mr. McConaughy insists that the United States must continue to adopt a policy of economic pressure and diplomatic isolation so far as Communist China is concerned, arguing that only by such means can the Peking regime be denied a definite triumph. It is an interesting thought process, for it infers that if the policy of economic pressure and diplomatic isolation is continued long enough by the United States, the Peking regime will collapse and the way opened for the return of Chiang Kai-shek and his administration.

MANY who are sceptical of some features of American Far Eastern policy would very much like to share this belief, but they find the proposition just a trifle too ingenious. Mr. McConaughy is perfectly correct when he avers that the Communist regime is not the chosen Government of the Chinese people; nor will many dispute his contention that the Chinese, as a whole, dislike the repression which they have to suffer under the Reds. But there are no signs that the Peking regime is likely to collapse because of economic embargoes or diplomatic isolation, or that its existence is threatened by international insecurity. The Mao Tse-tung administration may not represent the political will of the people, but it appears to be firmly ensaddled with or without international recognition of its status.

FOR this reason, therefore, we believe that the theme of indefinitely prolonged economic pressure and diplomatic isolation of the mainland of China advanced by Mr. McConaughy is unrealistic. The trading embargoes now being applied against Communist China were introduced because the Peking Government intervened in the Korean War, and not because China had become another segment of the Communist world. Wherefore, if the Peking Government displays willingness to help bring about a satisfactory solution to the Korean problem, and in other directions shows itself capable of satisfying international obligations, the necessity for economic embargoes disappears. Undoubtedly, Communist China must demonstrate her qualifications for international recognition of her status, but it is extremely unlikely that the threat of continued pressure and diplomatic isolation will either persuade the Mao Tse-tung regime to change its attitude or force it to abdicate. A tough American policy does not necessarily mean that it is also realistic or that it can prove itself to be effective.

MOROCCO CRISIS: FRANCE WARNS SPAIN

Promises The Sultan Full Support

Rabat, Jan. 21.

France today assured the Sultan of Morocco, Mohammed Ben Moulay Araf, of full support in defence of his rights in the face of growing agitation in Spanish Morocco for the return of the exiled Sultan, Sidi Mohammed Ben Youssef.

Faced with a Spanish-backed threat in Spanish Morocco to declare an independent state, the President of the French Republic and the French government tonight issued a grave warning to Spain when they gave full backing to an appeal made by the new Sultan's Council of Viziers for French support.

The appeal was issued after a mass demonstration in Tetuan, the capital of Spanish Morocco, in favour of the Caliph there, formerly under the authority of the Sultan at Rabat but now declared to be independent of the "French-imposed Sultan."

In its message of support, France declared that Sultan Mohammed Ben Moulay Araf could count on the full backing of the French government in the defence of his rights and the maintenance of peace in the territory of the Moroccan state.

In their appeal to France, the Council of Viziers protested against the Spanish Moroccan events and expressed their confidence that the French Government would preserve the religious and political unity of the Moroccan state and "take all measures made necessary by activities in the Caliphian (Spanish) zone, which is an integral part of the empire of His Majesty (the Sultan)."

The Council of Viziers pointed out that Spanish Morocco, under international agreements, is in force, was subject to the religious and political authority of the Sultan.

Today, the Arab-language, Al Widad, which has connections with the imperial palace, accused the Spanish High Commissioner in Tetuan of playing a dangerous game, which might have serious consequences.

The paper pointed out that the population in the French zone was eight times that in the Spanish zone and that the Sultan of Morocco now had the full backing of the French zone population, who were bitterly opposed to any break-away attempts in Tetuan.

"LISTEN TO REASON"
The paper urged the Spanish authorities to listen to reason before it was too late.

In Madrid tonight, all Spanish evening newspapers gave prominence to today's developments in Spanish Morocco, where religious leaders and chieftains manifested their loyalty to Spain at a mass rally.

The Fulangist, El Pueblo, published large photographs of the Caliph of Spanish Morocco, Moulay Hassan, and of his wife and daughter.

The paper also published several pictures of the French-exiled Sultan Sidi Mohammed Ben Youssef, photographed in the throne room of his palace before his exile to Corsica.

Cold Wave Sweeping US

Chicago, Jan. 21.

A bitter cold wave put the Middle West into a sub-zero icebox today and knifed into the East, South and Southwest.

Snow was forecast as far South as Alabama and Mississippi and New York City expected to see balmy temperatures survive to 15 degrees by tomorrow morning. Western New York State was braced for readings of zero to 10 above.

The vast mass of Arctic air pushed deep into Southern Texas, dropping temperatures 30 degrees to the teens. Tulsa, Oklahoma, with 60-degree

The newspaper, Madrid, ran a banner headline across its front page — "Enthusiastic Adherence of Morocco to Spain."

French evening newspapers tonight described the events in Spanish Morocco as "mere stage-setting." The Paris paper, France Soir, said that French action, taken during the past few days, had prevented the Spanish High Commissioner, General Raphael Garcia Valino, from naming a Regent to replace the deposed Sultan. It added that no action in this direction was expected.

Le Monde, however, was less optimistic and said that the final decision lay with Madrid. It said that the political road at Tetuan in the name of Moroccan nobles in the Spanish zone was less oscillatory than had been expected.

It added the warning that the movement now set afoot in the Spanish zone would inevitably progress of its own volition. Its repercussions on Arab countries, and especially in the rest of Morocco, could not be minimised, said Le Monde.—France-Press.

BRITAIN WATCHING

London, Jan. 21.

The British government would probably join in any protest to Spain against attempts to violate the international agreements governing the Protectorate of Morocco, authoritative British circles said tonight.

These circles added that although Britain did not want to underestimate the chances that incidents might occur, they were hoping that nothing serious would happen.

It was pointed out that although Britain was keeping out of the affair at the moment, this did not mean that she would stay aloof if the situation deteriorated.

At the moment, these circles stated, the dispute was one between France and Spain and that no British intervention was contemplated for the time being.—France-Press.

Indo-China Drive

Who Tipped Off Reds?

Paris, Jan. 21.

French security agents in Indo-China were trying to discover today who had informed the Communists about the new powerful French offensive on the Annam coast.

French troops landing at Thuy Hoa, about 100 kilometres north of Nhatrang, found the town deserted. The Communists had pulled out from the town three days ago, evidently warned about the imminent French attack, military reports received here said.

French military quarters described the new land-sea offensive as one of the most important operations of the whole seven-year-old Indo-China war. Its aim was to wrest from Communist control a coastal area of a length of 400 kilometres which had been in Communist hands since 1948.

Little resistance had been encountered so far, but General Guy de Beaufort, the French field commander on this new front, was not excluding the possibility of a Communist counter-attack from the mountain range skirting the coast.

One new feature of today's attack was that the advancing French forces were accompanied by teams of Vietnamese Government officials and police who had the task of taking immediate control of the liberated areas.

French military quarters said it was a great success for General Henri Navarre, the French Commander-in-Chief, that the Communists had failed to score any major successes during the main fighting season for the first time since the start of the war.

In northern Laos, French troops were continuing their advance towards the north after the occupation of the Mekong river town of Thakhek.—Reuter.

Profit Cut Proposed In S'pore

Singapore, Jan. 22.

Leading colony businessmen suggested today that a "fair profit list" of entrepot commodities be drawn up as a basis for continuation of trade talks between Indonesia and Malaya when they are resumed here in March.

Business leaders admitted that profiteering by middlemen in the Colony may have contributed to Indonesia's decision to ban Malayan imports and suggested that a ceiling of from five to 10 per cent on marginal profits be agreed upon by Singapore traders.

If such a list were acceptable to Indonesia, these traders think a policy favourable to both countries could easily be worked out.

The suggestions of the imposed profit ceilings followed a warning from the trade delegation which returned from talks in Djakarta earlier this week. T. M. Hart, Director of Commerce and Industry and leader of the delegation, warned Colony traders that they will have to cut prices if they wish to sell to Indonesia in the future.

It was agreed in business circles that during boom years and until the Indonesian ban on Malayan imports last year, middlemen had taken huge profits from the Indonesian trade.

But since the Indonesian ban on goods from Malaya, mountainous stocks of commodities in Singapore warehouses have forced traders to revise the selling price for entrepot goods. As an example, business houses which previously imported millions of dollars' worth of textiles for re-export to Indonesia are now willing to sell them at below the cost price.—United Press.



Britain Asked To Join Proposed New European Organisation

Paris, Jan. 21.

France's fears of entering the proposed European defence community without the active participation of Great Britain as a safeguard against the ascendancy of Germany, took a new form tonight when Britain, Norway and Denmark were asked to join a "European Defensive Union."

The appeal was made by several French Senators after a conference here in an effort to replace the European defence community with something more to France's liking.

Senators Jean Maroger, Saller, Marelli and Michel Debre, who met in a Paris hotel, stated that a "European Defensive Union" would replace the defence community. They considered that the association of countries in such a union would restore the defence of Europe to its natural boundaries.

The Senators said that the organisation would not be of a political nature and its sole aim would be to ensure, within the Atlantic Pact, the maximum defence of the continent.

EQUAL FOOTING
The Senators added that Germany should take part in the union on an equal footing with other members.

They added that the union should increase the effectiveness of the Atlantic Pact by specifying the obligations of non-European post signatories towards Europe.

The Senators proposed that the union should last as long as the Atlantic Pact and that, from a military point of view, should be based on the apportioning of tasks to each state in accordance with their resources and strategic conditions.

They said that a "European Defence Council" would govern the union with a Delegate-General aided by a Secretary-General. The Council, they added, would draw up armaments programmes for each state.—France-Press.

Widow Seeks Will Revision

New York, Jan. 21.

Mrs Herman B. Baruch, the former Baroness Anna Maria Escauazier of the Netherlands, today was questioned in the chambers of a surrogate court judge preparatory to the hearing of her suit contesting the will of her late husband.

The widow and second wife of Herman Baruch, one-time American Ambassador to Holland, receives 25 percent of his estimated \$2,000,000 estate under the terms of his will. She is demanding a greater share, reportedly one-third. Before her marriage to Baruch in 1949, she signed a separate finances agreement by which she allegedly gave up claims to his property except that which he specifically left her in the will.

Baruch signed an identical agreement which would have had the same effect if Mrs Baruch had died first.

PARTS OF COMET RECOVERED

Porto Azzurro, Elba, Jan. 21.

A spokesman of the British Overseas Airways Corporation said here today that he had "definite information" that parts of the Comet jet airliner which crashed into the Mediterranean had been dragged up by trawl nets from the muddy bottom 10 miles south of Elba.

The spokesman said that the Royal Navy frigate Wrangler and the MBLI motor ships Villa, Gina, and Faville were working over an area where the sea is 475 feet deep when they hauled up the pieces.

There was believed to be about 20 feet of mud on the sea bottom in that area.

"We cannot say for sure whether we have located the main section of the plane because it may be spread over a fairly wide area of the sea bottom," the BOAC spokesman said. "But it looks promising."

Twenty of the 35 passengers and crew who died when the Comet crashed on January 10 are believed to be still in the fuselage, under the ocean.—United Press.

Posthumous Award

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Test Blows Up City Hall

Hastings-on-Hudson, N.Y., Jan. 21.

Police Sergeant Alexander Polowish pushed a button to test the town's fire alarm yesterday and blew up the City Hall. Instead of the familiar alarm, the button produced an explosion which blew out windows and skylights, hurled two garage doors across a street and terrified nine members of the League of Women Voters who were meeting on the second floor.

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England Lose 1st Test

Amazing Collapse

Kingston, Jamaica, Jan. 21. The West Indies beat England in the first Test match here today by 140 runs following a dramatic collapse by the tourists after lunch.

Final scores were: West Indies—417 and 209 for six declared. England—170 and 316.

Until lunch England appeared well set for victory. They then required only 180 runs with only three wickets gone. But an England collapse began upon resumption.

As wicket after wicket tumbled, the crowd, wild with excitement, roared their players home.

The pitch could not be blamed for the astonishing turn of events, for apart from an occasional ball which squatted, the pitch was excellent.

England went in to lunch needing 180 more for a win with seven wickets left, but spinner Ramadhin started the rout at 282 by dismissing Denis Compton, who was all at sea with a leg break. Three more wickets fell at the same total, all to pace bowler Emond Kentish, 38-year-old Jamaican civil servant.

He had Graveney caught by Weekes at short fine leg and two balls later he bowled Evans with a half volley. A few minutes later Lock struck out his left leg and the ball hit his foot and rolled against the off-stump.

Statham scored one, then fell leg-before to Ramadhin, and at 288 Trueman was bowled off his pad by a low ball from Kentish.

There was a spirited last wicket stand of 31 between Bailey and Moss, but the finish was in keeping with England's pathetic display after lunch as Moss was run out through a misunderstanding with Bailey.

Considering the conditions it ran as one of the worst Tests in English cricket history and showed a lack of determination and fight.

SCOREBOARD
England — 2nd innings
L. Hutton, b. Gomez 56
W. Watson, c. and b. Stollmeyer 116
P. May, c. McWatt b. Kentish 69
T. Graveney, c. Weekes b. T. Kentish 34
D. Compton, b. Ramadhin 2
T. Bailey, not out 15
Evans, b. Kentish 0
A. Lock, b. Kentish 0
Statham, lbw b. Ramadhin 1
F. Trueman, b. Kentish 1
Moss, run out 16
Extras 9

Total 316
Fall of wickets today: 3/277, 4/282, 5/282, 6/282, 7/282, 8/283, 9/285.—Reuter.

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Doubts About Success Of Big-4 Talks

London, Jan. 21.

Two British weekly political journals expressed doubts today about the success of the coming Big Four conference of Foreign Ministers in Berlin.

The right-wing Spectator said if at the end of three weeks there was another argument about meeting places, it might mean that the talks had failed.

"For if the powers will not trust each other to refrain from taking advantage of the unnatural division of the city of Berlin in order to make each other uncomfortable, they will obviously not achieve cordiality on larger matters," the journal added.

"There is so far no convincing sign of such cordiality nor of an understanding on the general character of the conference, nor of agreement on the principal items on the agenda."

The Spectator warned that Britain must be ready with counter-measures if the Russians repeated their insistence that Germany must be given a provisional Government before elections were held and that the structure of Atlantic defence must be dismantled.

The policy of peace through strength had been the only policy to stop the Communists so far.

The Spectator said: "It will be necessary if there is to be no Russian concession in Berlin to develop it still further with the aid of the new flexible strategy now being developed by the Americans."

"SO LITTLE EXPECTED" The left-wing New Statesman and Nation said that rarely could the Foreign Ministers of the Great Powers have travelled to a conference from which so little was expected in the way of fruitful results.

It said it would be sanguine to expect easy unanimity even on the drawing up of the agenda.

"If the Americans press for an immediate vote in favour of supervised free elections throughout Germany, the Russians are likely to counter with a demand for prior discussion of the general question of guarantees for European security."

The New Statesman and Nation said: "The American's difficulty will be to find a cause for breaking off the conference, which will not rub French noses with the fact that the United States policy is at all costs to secure rearmament of France's old enemy."—Reuter.

BARRIER REMOVED Berlin, Jan. 21. The People's Police of the Soviet sector of Berlin tonight removed the barrier, which had been set up this morning at the Brandenburg Gate on the border of the British sector.

The guards were withdrawn, and pedestrians and vehicles were again permitted to cross the demarcation line between the two sectors.

The barriers had said this morning that the closing off of the passage point would be in effect during all of the four power Berlin conference, which is to begin next Monday.

The reasons for the removal of the barrier tonight were not known.—France-Press.

AUSTRIAN OBSERVER Dr. Joseph Schöner, Minister Plenipotentiary and leader of the Austrian "observer" delegation to the four power conference in Berlin, arrived here today by plane from Vienna.

He was accompanied by four members of the Austrian delegation.—France-Press.

Eden, Menon Discuss Korea

London, Jan. 21.

The Indian delegate to the United Nations, Mr. Krishna Menon, today had an informal luncheon with the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, who was to leave shortly for the four-power conference in Berlin.

Informal sources understood that they discussed the general international situation, with particular reference to Korea. Mr. Menon had already had a conversation two days ago with Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, the British Minister of State for Foreign Affairs.—France-Press.

At The Premiere Of "Bread, Love And Phantasy"



Lovely Italian film star, Gina Lollobrigida, attends the premiere of the new film, "Bread, Love and Phantasy", in Rome.—Express Photo.

IT BULGES GAILY!

In Spain, The New Look Is The "Christmas Cracker"

Madrid, Jan. 21.

Ladies—the new look in Spain is the "Christmas Cracker" look—fitting at the waist and bulging gaily elsewhere!

American fashion buyers beginning their annual tour of Europe's top fashion shows, were introduced yesterday to this new Spanish dress innovation.

The "cracker," designed by Spain's Asuncion Basilda, is intended for smart day wear.

Another designer, Pedro Rodriguez, featured his "horse shoe line"—tight in the middle and bulging out at the hips.

A third, Manuel Portegaz, showed a dress featuring a neckline lower at the back than the front—with confirmation of the latest general trend away from plunging necklines.

The general theme of the two-day Madrid fashion show was mainly less voluminous skirts. Gowns tended to be shorter with less Spanish folklore inspiration than before.

Vanali was ordered held for trial on charges that he threatened a woman with a butcher's knife and robbed her of \$35 and a ring.—United Press.

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CHINESE TROOPS TO LEAVE BURMA Plans For Evacuating 3,000 Nationalists

Washington, Jan. 21.

American officials said today they expect arrangements will be made within the next three weeks to evacuate another 3,000 refugee Chinese Nationalist troops from North Burma. They fled there when the Communists took over the China mainland.

The evacuation of these 3,000 — added to the 2,000 who were brought out during November and December — should "break the back" of the marauding organized refugee Nationalist forces which have committed widespread depredations, these officials added.

The continued presence of the refugee Nationalist troops in North Burma has been a cause of concern not only to countries of South-East Asia but to the United States and other Western Powers.

They consider the Chinese Communist might have day use the practice of the Nationalists as an excuse to march into Burma.

It is also recognized that Burma has not been able to give her full attention to the question of military and economic stabilization in the country because of the necessity to keep on-third of the Burmese Army engaged against the Chinese Nationalists.

Representatives of the refugee Nationalists in Burma have recently arrived in Bangkok to discuss with United States, Thai and Chinese Nationalist representatives the details of the forthcoming evacuation. Burma, the fourth member of the Bangkok Commission, has not resumed formal participation in the talks after walking out last December. However, its liaison officer is sitting in on discussions and it is expected that Burma will rejoin formally soon.

It is recognized here that the Burmese walkout was more for its effect on public opinion than anything else and that the Government would see fit to participate again officially when the success of plans for the new evacuation is assured.

Meanwhile, the Burmese Government has extended its cease-fire agreement to the area east of Salween until February 14 and has further extended the truce agreement for the immediate evacuation area until February 28.

It is believed the evacuation will very possibly have been completed by that date. The new evacuation is expected to follow the pattern of the previous one. That is, the Nationalists will go to the Thai border and be met there and taken 150 miles south to an airfield from which they will be taken to Formosa by the Chinese Nationalist commercial airline.—United Press.

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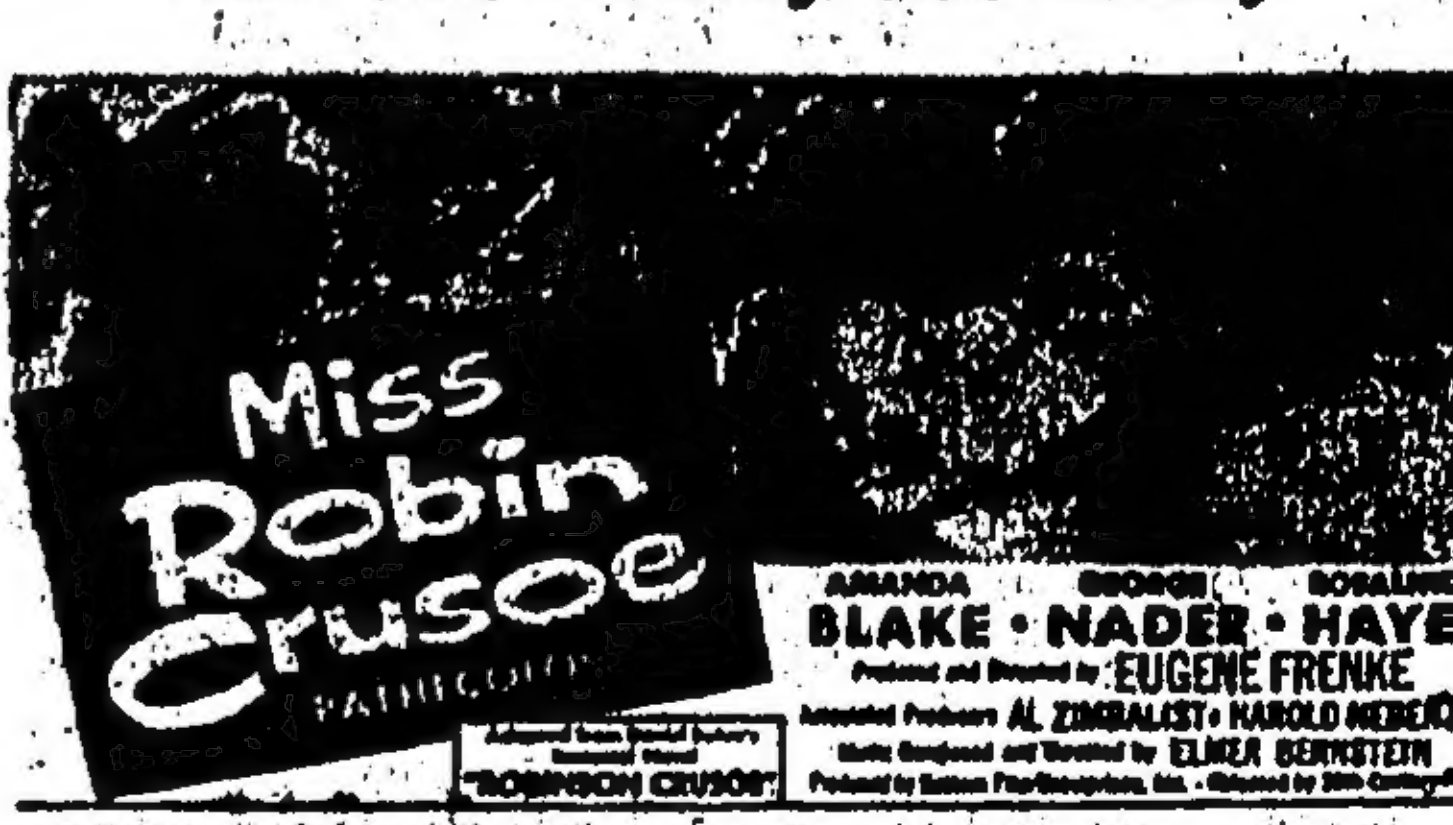


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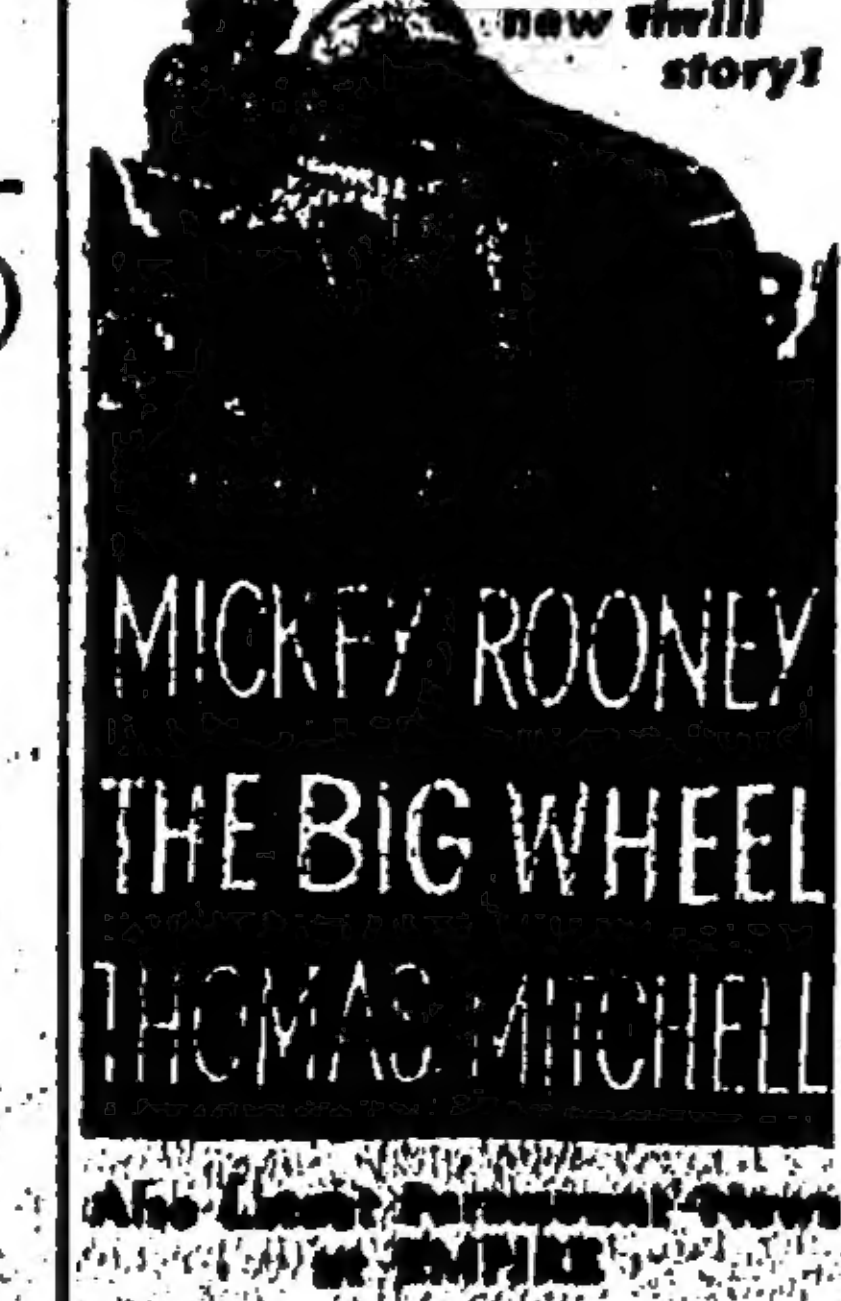
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AMERY'S PLAN TO HELP RESTORE BALANCE IN PRODUCTION, TRADE

London, Jan. 21.

Former British Conservative Minister and crusader for Empire development, Mr Leopold Amery, said today the Commonwealth and Western Europe should be developed in co-operation to restore the world's balance in production and trade.

He advocated establishing a preferential trading system between the sterling area and Western Europe — "a modified Customs Union with lower tariffs for each other."

The 80-year-old veteran statesman said the question of economic co-operation would dominate the three-day conference of unofficial Commonwealth and West European representatives beginning in London on January 29. About 200 delegates from 20 British Commonwealth and West European countries will meet under the chairmanship of Herr Herman Abs, leading German banker and financier.

High French Honour For Papagos

Paris, Jan. 21.

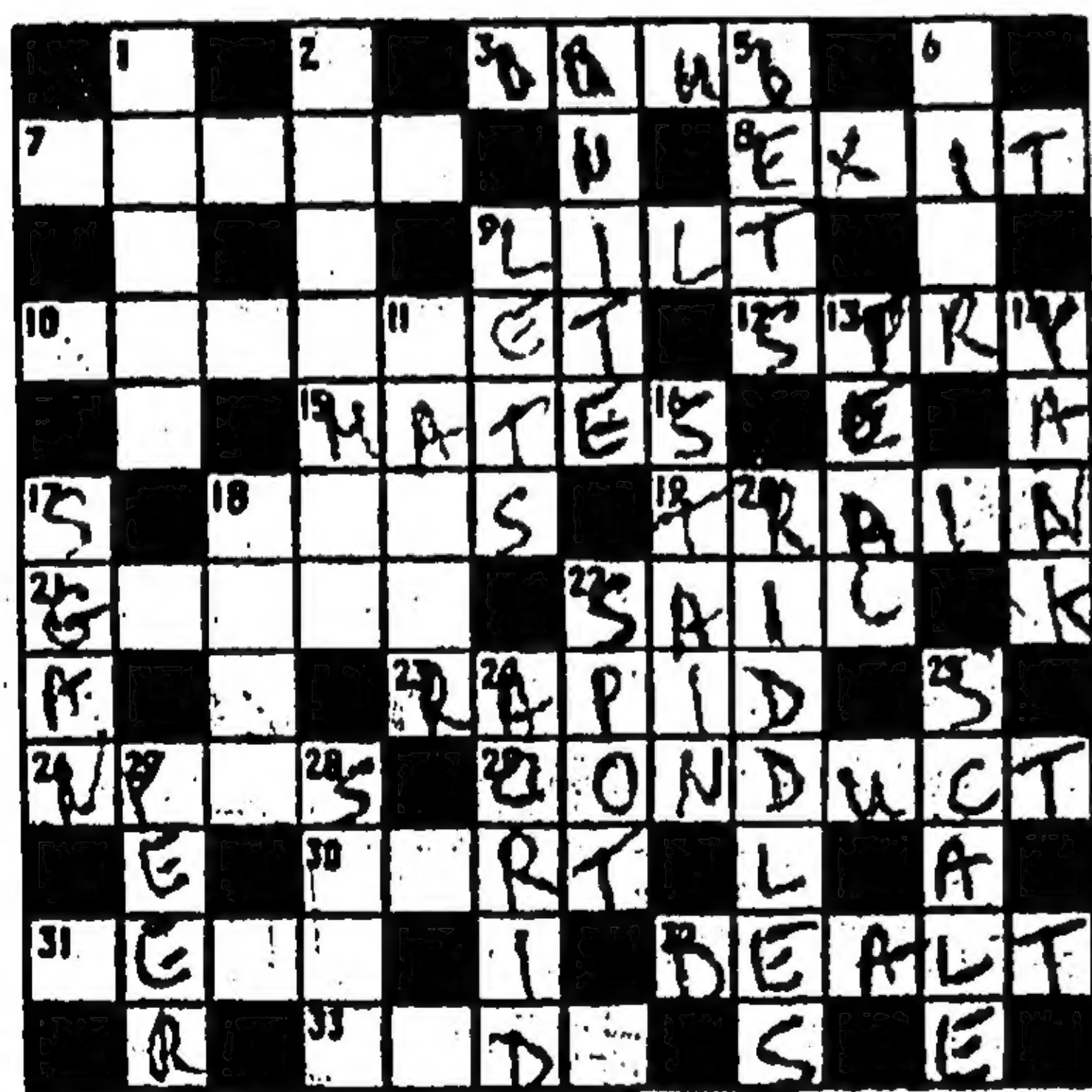
Greek Premier Field-Marshal Alexander Papagos will be decorated with the coveted French Military Medal tomorrow by the Defence Minister, M. Rene Pleven, it was announced today.

The honour, rarely conferred on foreigners, is one of France's highest, and a decision to confer it on the Greek Premier was made by the Council.

The Premier starts his third round of a five-day visit today but details were not immediately available.

Field-Marshal Papagos and his Foreign Minister, Mr. Stephanos Stephanopoulos, met with Premier Joseph Laniel at a luncheon yesterday in honour of Greek citizens in France.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 3 Speechless (4).
- 7 Cunning (5).
- 8 Way out (4).
- 9 Cant (4).
- 10 Colour (7).
- 12 Agile (4).
- 13 Companion (6).
- 14 Places (4).
- 16 Retinue (5).
- 21 Immature (5).
- 22 Travel on water (4).
- 23 Swift (5).
- 26 Measles (4).
- 28 Behaviour (7).
- 30 Tight (4).
- 31 Accurate (5).
- 32 Distributed (5).
- 33 Fitting (4).

DOWN

- 1 Cluster (5).
- 2 Scared (7).
- 4 Join (5).
- 5 Wages (4).
- 6 Sensible feature (4).
- 9 Allow (4).
- 11 Subsequently (5).
- 13 Chime (4).
- 14 Pull (4).
- 15 Blemish (6).
- 17 Scrutinise (4).
- 18 Beft (4).
- 20 Conundrums (7).
- 22 Ery (4).
- 24 Sharp (5).
- 25 Climb (5).
- 27 Nobleman (4).
- 28 Stalk (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Impact, 7 Tell, 9 Audit, 10 Tunes, 11 Exit, 13 Balm, 15 Tor, 16 Note, 18 Tidy, 20 Tunes, 22 Wood, 24 Voice, 26 Avert, 28 Part, 29 Tangle, 30 Doves, 31 Brides, 32 Actor, 34 Terror, 35 Disaster, 36 Idea, 37 Verse, 38 Tunes, 39 Renew, 40 Extending, 41 Tenor, 42 Decent, 43 Plain, 44 Ideal, 45 Avert, 46 Tidy, 47 Impact.

FOR That's What I Think Of You!



The Giraffe at Sydney's Taronga Zoo leans out of his cage to show his contempt for the Giraffe suit worn by model Hazel Rodgers. Hazel was of a number of models showing jungle creations inspired by the MGM Film "Mogambo". — Reutersphoto.

Belgian Frontier Guards Have To Be Sharp:

A "Pregnant" Butter Smuggler Didn't Fool These Police

Brussels Jan. 21.

A "pregnant" woman, a "widow" carrying a pot of chrysanthemums for her husband's grave across the Belgian frontier—these people don't fool the sharp frontier guards trying to smash a flourishing butter smuggling racket operating from Holland.

A none-too-ceremonious inspection of the woman "expecting" revealed almost 40 pounds of butter hidden under her dress. In the pot of chrysanthemums Police found 22 lbs. of butter.

Two New UN Stamps

New York, Jan. 21.

Mr. Dirk Van Gelder, Netherlands artist, has designed two new United Nations stamps to be issued here on February 11. It was announced.

The five-language stamps will honour the Food and Agricultural Organisation, one of the U.N.'s specialised agencies, by displaying its symbol—a bundle of wheat. The three-cent stamp will be printed in gold on a green background and the eight-cent stamp in gold on blue.—Reuters.

"Turn that Slave-girl into Cash"

1st Century Letter Translated

London, Jan. 21.

A 30-word letter, probably written in the first century, about the sale of a slave girl has been presented to the British Museum here.

Professor I. A. Richmond, an authority on Roman Britain, deciphered the impress on the firewood backing of writing tablet measuring roughly five and a quarter by one and a half inches.

This is what he makes of it: "Rufus, son of Callianus, greeting to Epilius and all his fellows. I believe you know I am very well. If you have made the list, please send it. Do thou look after everything carefully. See that thou turnest that slave-girl into cash."

The letter, believed to be the longest ever found in Roman Britain, is in cursive script in Latin.

Professor Richmond, who lectures at Durham University in the north of England, said: "The letter is a series of instructions as from a master to a responsible servant and his fellow-slaves. The instructions stress the importance of the slave-girl, the sale of her, and the need for a list of her belongings."

"It is a letter which is certainly more personal and perhaps more provocative of natural curiosity than any which London has previously furnished."

An interesting picture is afforded of Celtic society conducting its daily business in Latin. Professor Richmond explained that the servant's name was of Celtic origin. The master Rufus would have been a traveller and not a Roman citizen. The master's father, Callianus, was also a Celt.

The tablet was given to him by an insurance agent who bought it as part of a miscellaneous lot of antiquities in a sale-room. It still bore traces of mud.

Professor Richmond believes that it came from the ancient East of the Wallbrook, one of the "lost" rivers of the city. The writing had been scratched on the tablet, and the ink was of Celtic origin.

IN THE STEPS OF HOMER

Greek Archaeologists Hope To Find The Graves Of Agamemnon's Assassins

Athens, Jan. 21.

Greek archaeologists believe they may soon find the long lost graves of Aegisthus and Queen Clytemnestra, assassins of King Agamemnon, conqueror of Troy.

Homer in "The Iliad" told how Aegisthus seduced Clytemnestra, Agamemnon's wife while he was away for ten years in about 1,200 B.C. laying siege to Troy.

When he returned, so legend says, Aegisthus and Clytemnestra murdered him. Agamemnon's death was avenged eight years later when his son Orestes killed his mother and her lover.

Director of the archaeological operations, Mr. Papadimitriou, working from a travel book written by the Greek historian Pausanias, believes the graves of Aegisthus and Clytemnestra to be outside the citadel of Mycenae. It would have been archaeological to have buried the assassins in the Royal cemetery in the city, the Greek author said.

Now, archaeologists have discovered 15 graves just west of the magnificent Lion Gate entrance to the Palace of the Mycenaean Kings and this has raised hopes that the graves of Agamemnon's murderers will be found.

It was little short of a miracle that this grave was preserved. For, over it an asphalt road had been built, and just under the road, part of the concrete canalisation of the aqueduct of modern Mycenae.

Unique finds were made in this "crystal grave."

Mr. Papadimitriou found these graves after reading Pausanias' travel book.

The site of the assassins' graves had been sought ever since archaeologists proved that the rich Royal graves found by Heinrich Schliemann, discoverer of Troy and the first archaeologist to dig at Mycenae, belonged to Kings who probably died some 400 years before King Agamemnon's era.

While the actual graves of Aegisthus and Queen Clytemnestra have not yet been found, the riches contained in those already uncovered fully justify the excavations so far made.

Mr. Papadimitriou is confident that the grave of Aegisthus will be found after further excavations.

MANY TREASURES

The graves now found outside the walls of Mycenae have yielded many valuable treasures as well as throwing further light on the customs of the time.

Excavations have shown, for example, that the Mycenaeans buried their dead according to sex. No skeleton of a woman has been found in a grave containing a male skeleton, or vice versa.

Children were also buried in separate graves, as shown by the fact that two little girls, aged about 2 and 3, were found in two separate graves.

Remarkably careful discrimination is shown by the gifts contained in the various graves. Golden goblets, swords, and other weapons are typical of the gifts found in the graves of warriors.

SILVER RATTLE

Beautifully worked jewellery had been laid in the "crystal" tomb of a very young Princess, while the two-year-old child's grave contained small silver toys, a small silver bell made apparently as a rattle for the child, and small jars and jewellery of a suitable size.

The graves have yielded a multitude of beautifully decorated jars, swords, knives, oil-lamps, gold, silver coins and jewellery. One of the numerous skeletons was a gold and silver mask, a sign that the grave contained a Princess of Royal descent, or a Mycenaean king. Several swords, javelin points, remains of leather ornaments and a great number of decorated jars were also found. Valuable jewellery and a

Commons Question About Teachers For Peace

London, Jan. 21.

Questioned by Mr. Geoffrey de Freitas, Labour, about the refusal to "allow" foreigners wishing to attend the recent "Teachers for Peace" conference to land in Britain, Sir David Maxwell Fyfe, the Home Secretary, stated in a written reply: "I am not going to admit foreigners, to attend meetings organised by bodies which, under the guise of some harmless name intending to deceive the public as to their aims, are instruments of Communist propaganda."

He added: "I am satisfied that the 'Teachers for Peace' body is in this category."

Pink Elephant As A Cell-mate

Fort Wayne, Indiana, Jan. 21.

Prisoners in the country jail awoke today to find four elephants, including a pink one, in jail with them. The elephants were housed in the large receiving room off cellblock "A" when their trainer, Roy Bush, could not find other quarters for an overnight stop on his trip by truck from Burlington, New Jersey, to Chicago.

It took 10 pounds of peanuts to lure the lumbering inmates into the jail. One of them had been sprayed with pink paint for a recent New York performance.—United Press.

Adenauer Seeks Release Of Dr Ernst

Bonn, Jan. 21.

Dr. Konrad Adenauer, the West German Chancellor, has called on the French Government to release Dr. Robert Ernst, wartime German Mayor of Strasbourg, re-arrested by the French last Saturday after they had set him free, a Government spokesman announced today.

Dr. Ernst was released on Saturday after a French Court ruled he was a German national and could not be tried on charges of treason against France.

A few hours later he was arrested again and is expected to be charged with war crimes. The spokesman today said Dr. Adenauer's request was made yesterday in a letter sent to the French High Commissioner, M. Andre Francois-Poncet.

This is the first time Dr. Adenauer has publicly intervened in the case.

West German politicians have said they regard the French treatment of the former Mayor as "a serious burdening of Franco-German relations."

It is understood the subject is to be discussed soon in the Bundestag (Lower House of the West German Parliament). — Reuters.

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US Division In Korea May Be Dissolved

Washington, Jan. 21.

A Pentagon spokesman said today that one of the two national guard divisions now serving in Korea might be one of the three army divisions scheduled to be dissolved before June 30, 1955.

The spokesman said the American army was to cut down from 20 divisions to 10 divisions by June 30, 1954, and to 7 divisions by the end of June, 1955.

It was believed that the first division to be dissolved might be the 40th division.

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DEADLY WEDLOCK: Fifth day

I heard a noise —and swung round in a wild panic . . .

Bristol hesitated for just the right length of time. Then he said: "A doctor's job is not confined to diagnosis. He must inspire confidence, and that means gaining the friendship and trust of his patient, my lord."

"My wife has mentioned the incident when she found me bending over a woman patient who was, as she says, undressed. She thought we were embracing. 'The facts are quite otherwise. This woman had fainted during an examination for pregnancy, and fell to the floor. I had put her arms round my neck and lifted her on to the couch as my wife came in.'"

It was a lie, but it did not sound a lie. Counsel asked: "You took care to be friendly with your women patients, but it was just your bedside manner, was it?"

"You could call it that," replied Bristol. "I hate the phrase 'bedside manner' because it suggests that it is 'put on.' I really consider my patients as friends."

MY QUARRELS

SO he went on, bland, pleasant, courteous, and calm, carefully giving the charges against him a new interpretation.

"I wish I could say I was always a perfect husband, but sometimes, particularly after a hard day dealing with winter epidemics, my temper flared, and there were quarrels."

"And the quarrel on the occasion when your wife told you she was with child?" Bristol contrived to look both sad and sorry. "I can't tell you how much I regret it. I can only say that I love my wife very much, and I am jealous of her."

"A few days before she told me about the baby, a kind friend had rung me up and asked me if I knew that my wife had had a tempestuous affair with a young man shortly before she married me, and that she had been seeing him again."

"It was a great shock to me, and I was in a nervous state, and the first thing that came into my mind, and I could have bitten off my tongue the moment

I said it. I didn't really believe the child was this other man's, and I was as sorry as my wife when, a few months later, she slipped down the stairs and lost it."

"This young man you referred to," said counsel. "Have you seen him with your wife since?"

"Yes," said Bristol. "At one a.m. this morning I accompanied a private inquiry agent to my wife's flat. When the door was opened and we went inside, the man was there with her."

A MESSAGE

COUNSEL sat down and mined rose. "Doctor Roberts, when you found this young man—his name is Jeffrey Baring, my lord—with my client this morning, how were they dressed?"

"They were fully clothed."

"Would you be surprised if I told you that this man Baring was there only because a woman named Edna Vane—your nurse, Doctor Roberts—had told Baring that my client wished to see him? A message which was completely false?"

Bristol said: "I am not only surprised, for I don't know why Nurse Vane should do such a thing. I am also happy. I have never believed the gossip about my wife and Baring."

The court adjourned and we went outside. Inspector Rayner came over to me.

"Mrs Roberts, wouldn't it be better if you talked to me today?" he asked. "Instead of waiting until tomorrow? Time is getting short and Edmund Clifford is very ill."

"You think I'm going to lose this case, don't you?"

He shrugged. "But I've got to win, Inspector. If I lose, nothing I can tell you will do any good."

"That's practically accusing your husband of being a murderer, Mrs Roberts."

"That's right," I said. "I was so tired when I got back to my flat that all I wanted to do was sleep; only I

could not sleep. Fear and despair racked my aching body."

What was the use of going on? It looked as if the case was already lost—and Bristol was safe. Safe to kill again.

Safe, one of these days, to get his revenge and kill me, too.

Wearily I changed my clothes and set off for Bristol's house. I was going through with my plan.

It was towards the end of surgery hours when I reached the house. I hung around at the corner, watching the patients come away. Then, half an hour later, Nurse Vane came out and went down the street. She was followed by Bristol. The car with the chauffeur was waiting for him and he drove away on his round of visits.

After he had gone, I went to the residential entrance at the back and rang the bell. There was no reply, so I took my key and let myself in.

I went into what used to be my bedroom. The photographs had gone from the bedside tables and there was a new cover on the bed. On the bed itself was a teddy bear, perched on the pillow, a teddy bear I had seen before, but where I could not think.

LYDIA'S NOTE

I WENT to the drawers, but the clothes in them were not mine. But when I fumbled underneath the dresser my little strongbox was still there, inside, sententially tied with ribbon. I opened it. I had seen it before, but where I could not think.

It was Edna Vane. She looked at me, pale with anger. "How dare you come back to this house, Mrs Roberts?" she said. "And what are you doing with my negligee? Give it to me!"

Now, at least, I had proof that I had a legitimate reason for visiting her that night.

I put the note in my bag and was going out of the room, when I stopped. I went back to the drawers and opened them. In the bottom drawer were some uniforms, and suddenly I realised who slept in this room now.

I went to the wardrobe and looked at the skirts, carefully hung, two coats, a dressing-gown—and then suddenly I saw it in the corner. There was a negligee hanging there, a negligee I had seen before.

DISCOVERY

BUT it couldn't be the same one, it couldn't! Bristol was too cunning and careful a man not to have burned it. And yet, when I took it out and brought it to the light, I knew that this was the negligee Lydia Clifford had worn the night Bristol murdered her. The tear around the shoulder had been carefully stitched. There were two patches lower down, of the same colour but not quite the same material.

How, how, how had Bristol allowed this to happen? I was standing by the window, trying to work it out, when I heard a noise and swung round in wild panic.

It was Edna Vane. She looked at me, pale with anger. "How dare you come back to this house, Mrs Roberts?" she said. "And what are you doing with my negligee? Give it to me!"

NEXT: The end
of a killer

Now, at last, I'd proof to hang him

NICKIE, a famous model, discovers that her husband Dr. BRISTOL ROBERTS has murdered LYDIA CLIFFORD. As she cannot give evidence against him while still his wife she decides to divorce him— and send him to the gallows. She knows that if he guesses her plan he will kill her too. Inspector RAYNER, of Scotland Yard, questions her about Lydia Clifford's death. NICKIE returns to her flat to find JEFFREY BARING, a man she once loved, there; her husband arrives and finds them alone.

on earth should she wish to get rid of a husband like this? She can't be telling the truth when she says he is cruel. She must have some other reason—another man, probably. We know these models!

I could sense the suspicion, if not hostility, rising in the air about me, and imagined I saw it flicker in the small eyes of the judge, who had seemed so amiable before, but looked cool and distant now.

His counsel asked Bristol all the right questions, of course.

"Are you successful in your profession, Doctor Roberts?"

"Mildly so."

"And popular?"

Bristol smiled. "A doctor who is not popular with his patients wouldn't have any."

The judge intervened. "It has been suggested by the petitioner that you were particularly popular with your women patients—but hardly for medical reasons. She claims that you had relations with them other than those between doctor and patient. This is a most serious charge. What have you to say to that?"

By
Leonard Mosley

Thursday.

IT was the most beautiful performance of Bristol's life. He looked so reasonable in the witness-box.

He answered every question with such careful consideration, and glowed with such affection when he looked towards me that you could feel the heart of all the women in court and the sympathy of the men veering in his direction.

I could almost hear them thinking: "Why

A MURRAIN ON ALL OF THEM, YOU SAY!

By LES ARMOUR

A SAD, heart-rending tale today.

A tale of English humanity forgotten and turned to stony heartlessness. A fine tradition shattered.

York city council has ruled: "Backers who end up broke and stranded after the York races will no longer be allowed to stay the night at the corporation workhouse."

And very right, too, you say.

But, suppose YOU are the unlucky punter. The bookie takes your bank

roll, your shirt, and a lien on your wife's salary for the next year. You wander disheartened and unhappy back into town.

The world is a bleak, horrid place. You wish you were dead. You call upon the gods to rain curses on bookies, horses, jockeys, race tracks and tipsters.

Suddenly, you remember the corporation workhouse. A sweet memory of the odour of cooking cabbage pervades through your brain.

Your pace quickens, you feel better about the world. You

won't, after all, have to walk 200 miles to London.

You reflect that the gods of chance may be kinder to you next time.

But what awaits you at the workhouse door? The kindly warden reluctantly tells you that you must run along. No room for bankrupt backers here.

Fortiornly, you head for a park bench or tuck yourself tenderly into a gutter.

But your peace and quiet do not last long. This is Britain. A stern policeman appears.

He tells about the section of the law which holds that you must go to "an approved place of shelter." No Englishman is

permitted to risk getting pneumonia in a gutter.

He is sorry that the nearby "approved place of shelter" will not have you. But that is not his fault. He just enforces the law, he doesn't make it.

You move on. The night grows colder. You visit the local police station. The sergeant is sorry. You have committed no crime. He is not really permitted to let you stay. Regulations and all that.

You hit for the road. It is a long way to London. You wish you had stayed the police sergeant. But that would have been un-British.

A murrain, you growl, on the added pains of York city's crabbed regulations! You will take any odds on their latest next election.

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SPIRITED FIGHTING AT LAND FORCES' BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS

By OUR BOXING CORRESPONDENT

The finals of the Land Forces Open Individual Boxing Championships were held at Gun Club Barracks yesterday afternoon and the big crowd of spectators enjoyed some really fine and spirited fighting.

The best fight of the afternoon provided the biggest upset of the day when Pte. Curran, a Royal Scot attached to the Welch Regiment, gave a systematic beating to Bdr. Baker of 25 Fd. Regt. RA.

Baker has built up a big reputation for himself in the Colony and many people thought that he would prove too strong and too experienced for his opponent.

Curran, however, by using brilliant tactics, beat Baker to the punch time and again and in the closing minutes of the contest the courageous Bon-bader was a very tired boxer.

Curran was because of his quick and accurate left hand to which Baker could find no answer. The pace was astonishingly fast and it says a lot for the physical condition of both men that they kept it up for so long.

Another grand scrap was the meeting of Bdr. Laws and Pte. Tobin of the King's. Laws, hitting with tremendous power, knocked Tobin out in the first round, but before he did so he had several anxious moments from the punishing blows of Tobin.

This was a story of two hard hitters — with Laws hitting just a little harder, a little faster, and a little more accurately.

The meeting of Pte. Bowen (N. Staffs attached Norfolk) and Sgt. Weir of the King's provided plenty of incident and action. Weir, a hard hitting southpaw, had Bowen on the boards for a long count in the second round and, as the round was closing, he again sent his man down with a tremendous punch to the solar plexus.

Bowen looked to be out, but with the count at '9' the bell sounded to end the round.

In the third round Bowen managed to keep out of harm's

way and the tenacious sergeant had to be content with a well-merited points verdict.

Courage in the boxing ring is often one of the highlights of Service competitions and this occasion was no exception. In the light-heavyweight final L/C. Prizeman (RAOC) gave one of the most astonishing displays of courage it has ever been my pleasure to watch.

In the one and a half rounds that his fight with Pte. Stanley of the Dorset's lasted there was more action and thrills than in many a full programme.

Stanley must rank as one of the hardest hitters of the day but he found that contrary to expectation Prizeman—instead of keeping away from him—decided that attack was the best form of defence and waded into the offensive.

Prizeman paid due penalty and the referee wisely stopped the bout in the second round to save him from further punishment, but into these few minutes what a mass of thrills were packed.

THE RESULTS

Here are the full results.
Flyweight: Gnr. Hale (25 Fd. REGT. RA) beat Pte. Casey (King's) on points.
Bantam: Pte. Kearns (King's) beat Pte. Weaver (Dorsets) disqual. 3rd Rd.
Feather: Pte. Kelly (King's) beat Pte. Jones (King's) on points.
Light: Pte. Dickson (Norfolk) beat Pte. McElhinney (King's) on points.
L/C. Weller: Pte. Curran (Welch) beat Bdr. Baker (25 Fd. RA) on points.

Trabert Should Take The Year's First Major Tennis Title

Sydney, Jan. 21.

Lewis Hoad's withdrawal from the Australian National Tennis Championships points the way for Tony Trabert to clinch the year's first major tennis title.

The National Championships rotate annually between Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide. This year they will be played at the White City courts, Sydney, from January 22 to February 1.

The Australian titles start off the tennis year, to be followed in a few months time by the French, Wimbledon and U.S. Championships.

Hoad pulled out of the tournament for a well-earned rest from tennis after his historic performance against Trabert in the recent Challenge Round.

He started his compulsory military training on January 13 and does not get his release until the middle of April. Rosewell is

exempt from this service scheme because of "weak ankles and flat feet."

Trabert beat Hoad in three swift straight sets, 6-4, 6-2, 6-2, when they clashed in the South Australian singles played in Adelaide on January 8. It was an encouraging victory for the American who starred so brilliantly in the Challenge Round. But Hoad played listlessly in a tournament noted for the way in which the top-line men get beaten.

It was in the same tournament two years ago that virtually unknown Rex Hartwig came from behind to win the title from Frank Sedgman and Ken McGregor.—United Press.

Steak Taboo For Neo Chwee-Kok, Lamb Chop O.K.

Sydney, Jan. 21.

Singapore sprint champion Neo Chwee-kok posed a diet problem for Australian swimming officials when he arrived here for the current swim contests.

Neo makes up the normal steak diet of Aussie athletes. But it's taboo for Neo; a Buddhist.

Officials therefore arranged to have special Chinese meals made up and sent to the 22-year-old Singapore visitor's hotel. His manager, former international water polo player Kee Soon Bee, said Neo's diet is mainly vegetarian.

Occasionally though, Neo eats white meals and an occasional lamb chop.—United Press.

HKEC TEAMS

The following will represent Club in football League games tomorrow:

1st Division Club v K&M tomorrow at 2 p.m. at Club—K&M: strong, Turpin, MacDonald, Perry, Planch, Paine, Mackenzie, Bann, Sime.

2nd Division Club v K&M tomorrow at 2 p.m. at Club—K&M: strong, Turpin, MacDonald, Perry, Planch, Paine, Mackenzie, Bann, Sime.

Saints Want To Play USS Orea

St Joseph's football team have asked the H.K. Football Association to move their scheduled league match with the U.S. Navy in the second round on Feb. 14 forward to Jan. 31.

In a letter to the Chairman of the Association, the St. Joseph's team manager said the request was to enable his team to meet the USS Orea team before the ship's departure.

The letter denied "unpleasant rumours" that the Saints were "very fortunate in not playing the Orea representing the U.S. Navy," and stressed that the Saints had always tried to uphold the true spirit of the game, "win, lose or draw."

BASSETT BEATS BONNARDEL

Paris, Jan. 21.

Percy Bassett, the world interim Featherweight Boxing Champion, scored a ninth round technical knockout over French Bonnardel, former French featherweight title-holder, in a non-title bout here tonight. Reuses.

Weller: L/C. Fletcher (Dorsets) beat L/B. Marchant (14 Fd. RA) on points.

Lt. Middle: Bdr. Laws (173 Loc. RA) KO'd Pte. Tobin (King's) in 1st Rd.

Middle: Sgt. Weir (King's) beat Pte. Bowen (Norfolk) on points.

Lt. Heavy: Pte. Stanley (Dorsets) beat L/C. Prizeman (RAOC) on TKO in 2nd Rd.

Heavy: L/C. Brown (24 Fd. Eng) beat Pte. Edge (King's) on TKO in 1st Rd.

The bouts were well refereed by Major A.C.A. Walker and SMI W.T. Hart, APTC and the smooth running of the whole show was indicative of good planning.

Brigadier Urquhart, D.S.O., Commander 35 Infantry Brigade, presented the prizes after each bout.

NEVER A DULL MOMENT AT SABINA PARK

In Came The Goats, And Out Went Hutton!

By ALEX BANNISTER

Kingston, Jamaica.

Sabina Park, where the first of the current cricket Test series between the West Indies and England was played, has neither the tradition nor the grandeur of Lord's, and is only a quarter of the size of the Melbourne Stadium, but I am prepared to argue that it houses the liveliest crowd in the world.

There is room for 12,000 inside the ground and about 500 in the topmost branches of the coconut and palm trees outside.

The Blue Mountains, their peaks white-crowned with fleecy clouds, form a picture postcard background, while hovering menacingly overhead are the John Crows, a species of vulture. No outfielder is surprised if a small lizard suddenly darts across his foot.

The vast majority of the crowd are coloured, and they follow every ball with fanatical interest. High wire netting now divides them from the playing pitch, as in the past they were apt to show their enthusiasm in moments of excessive joy with bouts of cartwheeling and other forms of gymnastics, even to the point of embracing their heroes at the wicket.

No important game is deemed to start unless it is given the word "Go" by the crowd.

The excited shouts include the bleats of two now famous kid goats whose services have been enlisted in the cause of the West Indies. During the MCC's first match with Jamaica a loyal Jamaican supporter was told that kid goats brought luck, so he went out and obtained two kid goats—not necessarily a difficult task here, where goats freely roam the streets.

As he re-entered the ground with the goats Len Hutton was caught in the slips. Ever since this miracle of coincidence the goats have occupied a place of honour on match days and seem to have the freedom of the outfield on practice days.

There is never a dull moment at Sabina Park, and aged members at Lord's would have a stroke if they witnessed such goings-on.

Two titles

Len Hutton has been accorded two honorary titles. To some he is "Sir Len"; to others, whom I strongly doubt of having any Yorkshire connections, he is "Our Len."

Ever since Hutton came to Jamaica with Yorkshire in 1938 he has been a great favourite, which is a concession in a land the size of Wales, where even the tiniest barefooted urchin is prepared to die before admitting Don Bradman was better than George Headley.

Len is freely advised how to handle his attack, and once when he was changing his bowlers frequently, he was told by a jubilant voice: "It ain't no use, Sir Len; all do bowlers are do same to us."

Many of the West Indian players are equally colourful. When Griffith, their great fast bowler, bowled Bradman he threw his hands up and in a loud voice, vibrant with emotion, cried: "I have bowled do god." "They" all passionately love their cricket, and on their own "bar-wickets" have never been beaten by England. "But I think Len Hutton and company are going to make cricket history this time—goats or no goats."



John Landy in action in a 4:02.8 Mile.

THREE PROBLEMS FACE LANDY IN HIS QUEST FOR THE FOUR-MINUTE MILE

Sydney, Jan. 21.

Australia's John Landy will have earned fame the hard way if he ever beats the clock and runs a four-minute mile because he has got three other obstacles to overcome.

Experts here say Landy is faced with these problems on the hard road to being the world's fastest man over a mile:

1. Insufficient attention from his handlers.

2. Thoughtless treatment from amateur officials.

3. Recurring bad weather.

Hard-driving coach Percy Curritty's creed is based on the "mind over muscle" principle, but his routine has shown poor results for Landy. However, it's in the oft-stated "little things" that Curritty seems to fail down, and it makes those "little things" mighty big in importance.

On Saturday, January 9, 1954, Landy smashed the Australian Two-Mile record at Melbourne with a time of 8:53.2 against a strong headwind.

That day was a good example of the obstacles facing Landy. For at least half an hour before the race, Landy stood and talked to people and most of the time he was perched uncomfortably half way up a hill.

Commented track trainers Harvey Jamieson and Bill Bowtell: "He used up precious energy doing that. He should have been made to rest quietly until he went out to warm up."

"NO WARM-UP"

"That's another thing, Landy, as far as I could see, went straight from the dressing room to the starting mark," said Jamieson. "The champion just don't go to the start, stone cold."

As soon as Landy broke through the tape he ran from the track and stood answering questions by reporters. Jamieson said, "After such a gruelling run I would have logged around with him and kept him moving slowly until his heartbeat got back to normal and there was no chance of him being seized with cramp."

Amateur officials came to the aid of Landy for not giving Landy the inside lane at the start. Instead, he had to sprint out of the hoist to earn that position.

The other runners in the Two-Mile race never looked like extending Landy for any part of the journey, and experts claimed officials should have made certain there were good pacemen in the event.

Landy's handlers and officials again did not give enough attention to the 23-year-old agricultural scientist at the dressing rooms. There was no locker for his belongings and he had to push through a herd of runners to find a peg for his clothes. It was catch-as-catch-can for a table to lie on.

Golf Club Junior Championship Final On Sunday

The final of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club's Junior championship will be played over 36 holes on the Old Course at Fanling on Sunday between Dr. J. B. Mackie and W. L. T. Crundden, starting times being 9.15 a.m. and 1 p.m.

The "Baff" Spoon Foursome competition is scheduled to be played over 36 holes at Fanling on Sunday, January 31. The Spoon was presented to the Royal Hongkong Golf Club in 1949 by the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrew's and is played for each year on a Sunday close to the Chinese New Year.

Competitor are permitted to choose their own fellow competitors this year should they wish to do so, but the Secretary should be informed before noon on Monday, January 25, of any private arrangements made. This is most important as a draw will take place at the above time and all entrants who have not made private arrangements will be included in the draw. Post entries are not accepted.

The maximum handicap permitted in this competition is 18 and entries close this Sunday.

Experts said John should be given star consideration, with everything ready for him somewhere out of the hustle and bustle. He doesn't ask for such consideration, but it certainly would help boost his morale and in turn help him produce that extra something when needed.

WEATHER "HOODOO"

The weather seems to have a "hoodoo" on Landy.

It plucked the four-minute mile from his grasp on December 12, 1952, when he ran the world's fastest mile that year in 4:02.2—the third fastest mile ever run. Wind sprang up just before the race started and slowed him down.

Then followed weather worries of high humidity, century-high heat, near gale-force winds and blustery winds the next four times Landy was out to rewrite the record books. When the weather was right he was not tuned up.

This bad luck has convinced many athletic followers that John must be given a chance to run in the evening—at twilight—when conditions are better. Landy agrees with this to the extent that he thinks it's his only hope of running a four-minute mile in Melbourne.

Most of his training is done in the twilight and he says he's perfectly satisfied with his form at that time.—United Press.

SPORTS ROUND-UP

Walker Cup Match Dates Confirmed

The Royal and Ancient Golf Club has confirmed that the dates for the Walker Cup match, to be played at St. Andrews next year, will be May 20 and 21. These were the dates suggested by the R. and A. to the United States Golf Association.

The club also intimated that the Amateur Championship would be played the following week from May 30 to June 4, at Lytham St. Annes.

Last time the Amateur was played there, in 1935, the winner was the American, W. Lawson Little, who defeated Dr. W. Tweedie in the final by one hole.

SPIDER JUNIOR

Jean Sneyers, European featherweight Champion, is to fight Billy (Spider) Kelly at Harringay on February 10. The bout will be over 10 rounds at 8st 2lb.

Kelly, son of the original "Spider," British Champion at the same weight 10 years ago, earned the match on the strength of his points win over the hitherto successful Nigerian, Hogan "Kiki" Bassie, in the same ring last month.

A PROPHECY

Hashim Khan, of Pakistan, British Open and Professional Champion, has been coaxed No. 1 in the Dunlop Open Professional Squash Rackets Tournament which opens at the Lansdowne Club, London, on February 1. Hashim won the event when it was last held in 1952. In the first round he meets a comparatively unknown player, T. Wilder.

Yolande Pompey, as leading contender for two world boxing titles, has been involved in many hectic battles. But he was more keyed up at a football match recently than he often is in the ring.

Yolande is now mascot to the Portsmouth club and he watched them fight back to a draw with Charlton in the Third Round of the FA Cup.

"After seeing this wonderful fight back by Pompey in the second half, I am certain 'my team can do it again,' he said afterwards. Yolande proved as good a prophet as he is boxer. Pompey won the replay 3-2.

Ben Hogan, American and British Open Golf Champion, has been awarded a £2,750 jewelled belt in recognition of being voted by Americans the outstanding professional athlete of 1953.

Last summer he twice beat the world's top golfers within the space of a few weeks. He won the U.S. Open title by six

strokes, and the British Open by four.

It was his third victory in the U.S. title since returning to the game four years ago after his near-fatal road accident.—(London Express Service).

It's No Debts Charlton Now

For the first time Charlton Athletic show a surplus—and behind it all lies one of the greatest success stories of modern soccer.

You might even call it a partnership between manager Jimmy Seed, his chairman Stanley Glicksten, and trainer Jimmy Trotter.

It means in effect that in 21 years Charlton have wiped off a six-figure debt and are now sounder financially than most clubs in the Football League.

They own the ground, freehold, and, with the players' transfer values, their assets must be in the region of £150,000.

The driving force of Stanley Glicksten and the shrewd analysis of Jimmy Seed have undoubtedly made this possible. Practically all the money has come from transfer fees.

"STRANGEST OF ALL

Strangest thing of all is that, if Charlton—they thought he might use them as a stepping stone—had not turned Jimmy down, he might never have arrived at Charlton.

Fourth figure in the Charlton saga is Sam Bartram, one of the greatest and most popular goalkeepers of any time.

In other eight games he will be making his 500th League appearance—and Charlton already have the champagne on ice.

"The surplus? Most of it will be used for ground improvement, with it is hoped, extra cover for 10,000 fans.—London Express Service.

THE GAMBOLS

By Barry Appleby



POINT 3

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WASHES CLOTHES:

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RORY MACPHERSON BECOMES COLONY SQUASH CHAMPION

By "ARGONAUT"

In a closely contested final that was a fitting conclusion to the 1953-1954 Colony Squash Open Championship, Rory Macpherson yesterday edged out the holder, Cmdr. J. L. Rigge by 9-6, 6-9, 9-4, 3-9 and 9-7 to become the new Champion.

Featured by long and hard-hitting rallies, the match reached a thrilling fifth set when the score stood at 7-7.

BADMINTON GIRLS GIVE ENGLAND

By BRUCE HARRIS

One hundred thousand English men and women play badminton. Excellent. How they must wish that half a dozen or so of them could play it well enough to beat the invaders, chiefly Danish and Malayan, who make a habit of winning our Championships.

Badminton has gone the same way as lawn tennis, golf, professional squash, racket, and lately, snooker, football. Our pupils have learned the game only too well. In March come the All England Championships at Earls Court. Can we make a real show there?

Certainly the women can, the men I fear there is a small chance of any one of them wrestling either the singles or doubles titles from our two resident Malaysians, E. B. and E. L. Choong.

At any rate, the nothing in the tournament results to inspire such a hope.

GLIMMER OF HOPE

Since the war the men's singles has been divided between one American, one Swede, one Dane and two Malaysians. The women's singles has been unbroken in Danish hands. The same two nations have taken most of the doubles.

And now? A real glimmer of hope has been the recent victory in the adversarial own strong hold, Copenhagen, of an English woman's pair, Miss Iris Cooley and Miss June White.

Our team were beaten by the Danes, but the two Surrey girls annexed the doubles championship. They are the joint holders of our own title in England.

ON UPGRADE

In singles, they may not beat the Danes, but at least they are in the same class and they are rapidly improving.

The reigning champion here is Danish, Miss Marie Usang, who won the title as long ago as 1947.

But if the women's singles are to be regained this year from the Danes it looks as though Miss Cooley or Miss White will have to achieve the feat.

The great little Malayan Wong Peng Soon, who won our singles twice, has retired from big play. But his successor, Eddie Choong, who lives in England, is very much at the top of our badminton.

Yet the unexpected can happen in badminton as in lawn tennis or any other game—EVEN CHESS.

—(London Express Service)

Soviet Skaters Thank Japan

Tokyo, Jan. 21.

The Soviet skating team, which won the first three places in the men's World Ice Speed Championships in Northern Japan last Saturday and Sunday, today thanked the Japanese nation for the warm welcome they received here.

In a message issued through Kyodo News Agency on Friday, the 16-man Soviet group stressed the possibility of closer ties between Japan and Russia in all fields of sports in the future.

The Soviet Union will put no obstacle in the way to such friendly sports rivalry, it added. The message pledged efforts to dispatch Soviet wrestlers to participate in the World Wrestling Championships to be held in Tokyo in May—United Press.

Interport Hockey Trial Cancelled

The Interport hockey trial match that was to have been played tomorrow afternoon at King's Park has been cancelled.

RUGBY LEAGUE INTERNATIONAL



B. Chevallier (France), in possession following a scrum, yells to a colleague to take over in the match against Scotland at Murrayfield, Edinburgh. France beat Scotland by a single try in the second half.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB'S ANNUAL RACE MEETING STARTS TOMORROW

By "RAPIER"

The stage is all set for the Hongkong Jockey Club's Annual Race Meeting which starts at noon tomorrow, continuing on Wednesday, January 27, and Saturday, January 30. There are 10 events each day and the tiffin interval is after the fourth race (1.30 p.m.). The fifth race begins at 3.00 p.m.

The most interesting events tomorrow will be the three sections of the Hopetful Stakes for 1954 and the Chinese Club Cup for Class 1 ponies.

Here are my estimates of the chances:

FIRST RACE
Old Course Handicap: Six Furlongs.

The programme opens with a sprint race confined to Class 5 ponies.

Diamond Dahlia (Mr Tsai) came third in the Aldrich Bay Handicap over this distance at the last meeting, with Mr Gregory up, and on that performance should have a good chance of winning.

Forward View (Mr Pih) certainly looks dangerous and may cause an upset.

Ben Madhu (Mr Kwok) was a disappointment in the above race the last time out but may redeem itself tomorrow as it has been doing well recently in morning gallops.

Perfectibility (Mr Wei) is another pony to bear in mind as it is fast over sprint events and, if given a good start, should be very near at the finish if it does not actually win.

SECOND RACE
Pathway Handicap: One Mile.

In this race, which will be contested by Class 5 ponies, I like the chances of Diamond Queen (Mr Tsai), Easy Slam

(Mr Wei), Air Power (Mr C. A. Lee) and Vagabond King (Mr F. Noddy). Diamond Queen came second in the Aldrich Bay Handicap over six furlongs at the last meeting and, as it is still in good form, I think it should have a good chance of winning here.

Easy Slam is the next best bet, but it must also be borne in mind that Air Power is a fast improving animal and will probably extend the above ponies.

Vagabond King is another pony to watch.

THIRD RACE
Hongkong Handicap: Six Furlongs.

This race will be contested by Class 4 ponies and over this distance the best thing to do is to look for sprinters.

First of all we have Pay Day to consider. It will again be taken out by Mr Wei and, having the way it ran and won the Glasgow Handicap over this distance at the 4th Race Meeting and paid a three figure dividend, I think it should win here.

But American Carrot (Mr F. Noddy) is not to be ignored as the distance is more to its liking than the last time (Mr Boycott) and Lawrence (Mr Kwok) are quite fast over short distances and will be near at the finish.

I expect to see the finish in the following order: — Pay Day, American Carrot and Rowanlea.

FOURTH RACE
Hopetful Stakes (First Section): One Mile.

This race will serve to introduce the new Australian subscription griffins to the racing public and, basing my selections on training performances, I think the winner will come from among United Fortune (Mr Ng), Knockagain (Mr Tsai), Manx Penny (Mr Samarcq) and Cirrus (Mr Plumby).

With United Fortune, Mr Ng has a great opportunity of winning this race, but he may expect strong opposition from either Knockagain or Manx Penny, both of which are capable of giving United Fortune a great fight.

Cirrus is also considered good enough to extend those named above and may cause an upset here.

FIFTH RACE
Northern Handicap: Six Furlongs.

I expect to see the following fighting out the finish: — Flying Dutchman (Mr Tsai), Huntingdon (Mr Boycott), Santa Claus (Mr Samarcq) and Tune-phone (Mr C. A. Lee).

Flying Dutchman has been responding very well indeed in training under Mr Tsai and in certain quarters it is strongly fancied to win.

On the other hand, Huntingdon, which is gifted with an easy movement, should have something to say at the finish.

The fact that Santa Claus will be ridden by Mr Samarcq is enough to suggest that this pony is sure to be near towards the end, while Tune-phone is quite capable of extending those named above.

SIXTH RACE
Hopetful Stakes (Second Section): One Mile.

In this race for the second section of the new Australian subscription griffins, I think the winner will be among the ponies to watch: — Bengali Lancer (Mr Tsai), King A (Mr Pih), Barometer (Mr Chuang) and A Great Citizen (Mr Samarcq).

Bengali Lancer is my choice and I think it should win, but

King A is not to be ignored as this pony is quite dependable over this distance.

Barometer and A Great Citizen are also quite good over this distance and will be near at the finish.

SEVENTH RACE
Chinese Club Cup: Six Furlongs.

This is the main event of the day and will be contested by Class 1 ponies. It seems to me that Freddy (Mr Pote-Hunt) should find little difficulty in beating Flay-glo (Mr Kwok) and Jember (Mr Chuang) in this six furlongs contest.

The grey gelding impressed me very much with a splendid, stylish gallop last Saturday over the mile in 1.56.3—last quarter 26.3 seconds.

Gold Cup (Mr Ng) has been working well in the mornings and will be very near also.

Straight Forward (Mr Wei) is the rank outsider in this sprint event.

EIGHTH RACE
Hopetful Stakes (Third Section): One Mile.

In this race the following should attract the most attention: — Gordon Bleu (Mr Pote-Hunt), Fenchurch (Mr Samarcq), New Jersey (Mr Pih), Our Pride (Mr Chun Kit) and Koon-Yum Shan (Mr Chuang).

Gordon Bleu is greatly fancied in view of its convincing gallop over the mile in 2.00.3—last quarter 29 seconds—on January 16 during morning gallops with Mrs Liddell up.

But on the other hand Fenchurch is also known to have done a good gallop over the mile distance. New Jersey should have something to say at the finish. Our Pride and Koon-Yum Shan are another two ponies which can be relied on to do well here.

NINTH RACE
Western Handicap: 1 1/4 Miles.

I have a feeling that Flaming Wheel (Mr Chuang) will take first place here against a field of 11 starters. The potentialities of this pony are well known and it is coming back fresh and ready for a winning venture.

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ROYAL H.K. DEFENCE FORCE ORDERS

Serial No. 3. Orders by Colonel L. T. Ride, CBE, ED, Commandant, Royal Hongkong Defence Force, Dated January 19, 1954.

FORCE HEADQUARTERS
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HONGKONG REGIMENT
Artillery Battery, 7th Gunners Tp—Friday, January 23, 1954. HQ RHKDF 8.30 p.m. Dress: Plain clothes. Re-consultance P1—Monday and Tuesday, January 25 & 26, 1954. As detailed.

DISCIPLINE
Duties—Orderly Officer of the Week—Lt J. W. Kirk. Next for duty—Lt L. A. Forster. Orderly Officer of the Week—Sgt. Leung Chung Yee. Next for duty—Sgt. J. L. Loo.

TRAINING
1st Training Bn, 1st Div—Tuesday, January 19, 1954. AP Mines, TzEWt (Attack & Def), Ind/Tk Coop. RV 10.30 a.m. at Wai Car Park, Kowloon. Dress: Plain clothes. A Coy—Saturday, January 23, 1954. Zeringof rifle, Stonewall, Island, Dress: B.D. Overall carried. No equipment. A Coy—Tuesday, January 26, 1954. Zeringof rifle, Stonewall, Island, Dress: B.D. Overall carried. No equipment. B Coy—Monday, January 25, 1954. Zeringof rifle, Stonewall, Island, Dress: B.D. Overall carried. No equipment. C Coy—Friday, January 29, 1954. Zeringof rifle, Stonewall, Island, Dress: B.D. Overall carried. No equipment. D Coy—Thursday, January 28, 1954. Zeringof rifle, Stonewall, Island, Dress: B.D. Overall carried. No equipment. E Coy—Wednesday, January 27, 1954. Zeringof rifle, Stonewall, Island, Dress: B.D. Overall carried. No equipment. F Coy—Tuesday, January 26, 1954. Zeringof rifle, Stonewall, Island, Dress: B.D. Overall carried. No equipment. G Coy—Monday, January 25, 1954. 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Zeringof rifle, Stonewall, Island, Dress: B.D. Overall carried. No equipment. Q Coy—Friday, January 15, 1954. Zeringof rifle, Stonewall, Island, Dress: B.D. Overall carried. No equipment. R Coy—Thursday, January 14, 1954. Zeringof rifle, Stonewall, Island, Dress: B.D. Overall carried. No equipment. S Coy—Wednesday, January 13, 1954. Zeringof rifle, Stonewall, Island, Dress: B.D. Overall carried. No equipment. T Coy—Tuesday, January 12, 1954. Zeringof rifle, Stonewall, Island, Dress: B.D. Overall carried. No equipment. U Coy—Monday, January 11, 1954. Zeringof rifle, Stonewall, Island, Dress: B.D. Overall carried. No equipment. V Coy—Sunday, January 10, 1954. Zeringof rifle, Stonewall, Island, Dress: B.D. Overall carried. No equipment. W Coy—Saturday, January 9, 1954. Zeringof rifle, Stonewall, Island, Dress: B.D. Overall carried. No equipment. X Coy—Friday, January 8, 1954. Zeringof rifle, Stonewall, Island, Dress: B.D. Overall carried. No equipment. Y Coy—Thursday, January 7, 1954. 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"SHENGKING"	Keelung	8 p.m. 23rd Jan.
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"HANYANG"	Kobe	a.m. 25th Jan.

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ARRIVALS FROM		
"TAIPING"	Kobe	28th Jan.

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"CLYTONES"	Liverpool & Dublin	22nd Jan. 23rd Jan.
"ASTYANAX"	Genoa, Rotterdam, Amsterdam, London & Hamburg	24th Jan. 25th Jan.
"PYRRHUS"	Marcellus, Liverpool & Glasgow	5th Feb. 6th Feb.
"EUMAEUS"	Liverpool & Glasgow	13th Feb. 14th Feb.
"ASCANIUS"	Liverpool & Dublin	23rd Feb. 24th Feb.

Scheduled sailings from Europe		
Sails	Arrives	
"EUMAEUS"	Liverpool	25th Jan.
"ASCANIUS"	Rotterdam	28th Jan.
"ASTYANAX"	do	7th Feb.
"PYRRHUS"	do	13th Feb.
"EUMAEUS"	do	25th Feb.
"ASCANIUS"	do	28th Feb.
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"PYRRHUS"	do	13th Mar.

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"DONA NATI"	do	1st Apr.

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 BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.
 Hongkong, January 21, 1954.

NOTICE THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

Ordinary Yearly General Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Corporation will be held at the Office of the Corporation, 1 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong, on Friday the 5th day of March, 1954, at Noon for the purpose of receiving and considering the reports of the Directors and of the Auditors and the Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st December, 1953, and for the election of Directors and the appointment of Auditors.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be closed from Friday, the 10th of February to Friday, the 5th of March, 1954, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,
 MICHAEL W. TURNER,
 Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 12th Jan., 1954.

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m.v.	"LA MARSEILLAISE"	March 27th	
v.v.	"VIET-NAM"	April 17th	
v.v.	"CAMBODGE"	May 16th	
m.v.	"LA MARSEILLAISE"	June 19th	

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

CIR DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES
 Consignees per Company's m.v. "VIET-NAM"

are hereby notified that their cargo is being discharged into the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co.'s godown, where it will be at consignee's risk and subject to the Wharf terms and conditions of storage and where delivery may be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

Damaged packages are to be left in the Godown for examination by Consignees and the Company's surveyors, Messrs Goddard & Douglas at 10 a.m. on Saturday, 23rd January, 1954.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's godown and all goods remaining undelivered after 23rd January, 1954, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before 17th February, 1954, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

CIR DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES
 Hongkong, 19th January, 1954.

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 NIPPON Yusen Kaisha
 s.s. "ANIMA MARU"

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No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's godown and all goods remaining undelivered after 27th January, 1954, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before 20th February, 1954, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

CIR DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES
 Hongkong, 15th January, 1954.

Shipping Competition Warnings

Belfast, Jan. 21.
 Two British shipping leaders, Sir Frederick Rabbeck, head of the shipbuilders Harland and Wolff, and Sir William Currie, Chairman of the Peninsular and Oriental Line, gave warnings here today about the rise of foreign competition.

Sir Frederick Rabbeck, commenting on his firm's drop to sixth place in last year's world output figures, said "on the Continent, work is being done quicker, cheaper and equally well."

"If anyone does not believe that is competition for this country, let them wait until this time next year and see it."

Sir William Currie revealed that his company had been offered a 10,000-ton tramp cargo ship from a German yard at ten per cent. less than British estimates and with delivery in 12 months.

He said Germany, Italy and Japan are inflicting losses to British shipping and other industries.

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"CORFU"	4th March	8th April
Via Southampton, Port Said, Aden, Bombay, Colombo, Penang & Singapore		
Homewards	Leaves Hongkong	Due London
"CHUSAN"	1st February	1st March
"CANTON"	15th February	15th March
"CARTRIDGE"	12th March	12th April
"CORFU"	9th April	10th May

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"SANTHIA"	due 1st Feb. sails 2nd Feb.	from Calcutta, Rangoon for Japan
"FULTALA"	due 7th Feb. sails 8th Feb.	from Singapore, Rangoon, Chittagong & Calcutta

P. & O. B. I. JOINT SERVICE

"UMARIA"	due 27th Jan. sails 28th Jan.	from Japan for Singapore, Colombo, Bombay, Khorramshahr & Basrah direct. Also P. Gulf Ports via Bombay
"OZARDA"	due 6th Feb. sails 7th Feb.	from Bombay, Colombo & Straits for Japan
"OLINDA"	due 7th Feb. sails 8th Feb.	from Japan for Singapore, Colombo, Bombay & Karachi direct. Persian Gulf Ports via Bombay

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN S.S. CO., LTD.

"NANKIN"	due 4th Feb. sails 5th Feb.	from Japan for Rabaul, Sydney, Adelaide & Melbourne
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New Museum For Wire Strut Planes

London, Jan. 21.
 The Royal Aeronautical Society has bought eight vintage aircraft from a private collector to save them from going to an American buyer. The Society would not disclose the price paid and said the planes— relics of the wire strut, and flimsy fabric days—would form the nucleus of what is expected to become a national air exhibit.

They are prototypes of early French and British and Dutch planes that had been preserved from the wreckage by Mr. Richard G. Nash, racing driver and engineer.

The types bought are listed as: Blériot XIA (19), Blériot XXVII (1911), Caudron C-3 (1912), Maurice Farman F-40 (1913), Avro 504 (1914), Sopwith Camel (1917), Fokker D VII (1918) and S. E. 5 A (1918).

The Sopwith Camel, Fokker D VII and the S. E. 5 A are types of fighter planes that took part in World War I.

The Blériot aircraft were designed by Louis Blériot, the Frenchman who staggered the world by flying across the English channel in 1909.

Mr. Nash kept these planes with many others in an old hangar on the now deserted and deserted Brooklands motor racing track. The collection includes early model "horseless carriages" and bicycles which date back to the "hobby horse" days.

"I began collecting old cars in 1929 when I bought an Oldsmobile 1907 motor car from a wreckyard," said Mr. Nash.

"Then in 1934 I began buying vintage aircraft for the collection."

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Newlyweds pictured in London are Archduke Robert of Austria and his wife, the former Princess Margherita of Savoy-Aosta. They plan to stay in London for a short time and then to continue their journey to a secret destination for their honeymoon.—Express Photo.

The World Revealed More Of Its Secrets Last Year

If you thought that the climbing of Mount Everest by Sir Edmund Hillary and Tensing Sherpa was the greatest feat of exploration and adventure last year, you might be astounded by some of the other achievements made by explorers and scientists during the year. For instance, scientists calculated that the Gulf Stream flows through the Straits of Florida at the rate of 100 million "bath-tubs full" every second; that a huge crater 185 yards in diameter was found in Northern Labrador; that the skeleton of an antediluvian reptile believed to be 80 million years old was found in Colombia; that special cameras have discovered new nebulae far out in space; and that diving experts hunted off Florida for a Spanish treasure ship which sank about 220 years ago. This article—a China Mail special feature from Washington—tells you of some of the year's exciting discoveries and explorations which, unlike the ascent of Everest, misled the headlines.

Washington, Jan. 21. While the greatest exploration feat of 1953 was indisputably the conquest of Mount Everest, in the remote Himalayas, the steaming jungles and icy Arctic wastes of the Western Hemisphere were probably the favourite haunts of explorers during the year.

As such events as the British Expedition's success in scaling the 29,000 feet Himalayan peak, and Professor Auguste Piccard's record-breaking bathyscaphe plunge to the floor of the Tyrrhenian Sea were being carried out, explorers and scientists literally flocked to the wild regions of North and South America.

Although their expeditions were overshadowed by the outstanding achievements, they, too, accomplished, and learned, some amazing things.

These ranged from new studies of the ancient civilisation of the Incas in Peru to research on cosmic rays and

Cash Boxes Were Empty So They Threw Eggs!

Malmö, Sweden, Jan. 21. Disappointed thieves finding the cash box almost empty in a dairy store here, worked off their bad tempers by flinging thousands of eggs round the shop.

Broken eggs covered the place next morning. Furniture lay strewn about slimy with yolks and whites and the floor was carpeted with cocon and sugar. The thieves even appeared to have vented their anger on flower vases and pictures and maps on the walls, all of which were spattered with hard-fung eggs.

The thieves took the eggs with them into other unproductive shops and offices in the same building throwing them on desks and counters and even stuffing them inside a radio set.

Britain Provides Ships For Indian Troops In Korea

London, Jan. 21. The British Government is to provide two ships, the Asturias and the Captain Hobson, to help carry back home the Indian troops and Red Cross workers who did guard and administration work for the Neutral Nations Repatriation Commission in Korea.

The two ships will have accommodation for about 2,100. The Commonwealth Relations Office, announcing this here tonight, said the British Government was glad to be able to assist the Government of India in this way.—Reuter.

atmospheric conditions from mountain top outposts in Alaska, and included an expedition which claimed to have learned that the Gulf Stream flowed at the rate of 100 million bath-tubs full every second.

The National Geographic Society has listed many of the discoveries made by the various expeditions in a survey of the year's explorations.

"Explorers were legion in the Frozen North during 1953," it says.

The Arctic Institute of North America sponsored 31 Arctic and sub-Arctic expeditions, the largest a 13-man trip to the 7,000-foot Penny Highland Icecap on Baffin Island, north of Canada.

A U.S. Army expedition, testing the latest army Arctic equipment, mapped a two-mile-deep snowbank and a moving glacier in Greenland. The desolate wastes of Queen Louise Land were surveyed by the British North Greenland Expedition.

Two officers of the National Geographic Society, the President, Dr. Gilbert Grosvenor, and the Secretary, Thomas W. McKenney, retraced from the air Commander Robert Peary's route to the North Pole. Flying in an Air Force C-54, Dr. Grosvenor was the first man to locate the Pole from the air by taking photographs from all sides.

Canadian and United States scientists at Ellesmere Island sought the source of great floating ice islands similar to "B-3" or Fletcher's Island, which has served as an Arctic weather base observatory for the last two years. Scientists from the Office of Naval Research continued their five-year study of weather fluctuations on Zaku Glacier, a 30-mile-long, 1,550-foot-deep mass of ice now in Alaska.

Expeditions made some important anthropological discoveries.

Anthropologists discovered an ancient village site on the North Knife River in Northern Manitoba, Canada, substantiating a theory that a prehistoric culture circled the top of the world. Village sites believed to have been inhabited by an extinct Indian tribe before A.D. 1,000 were uncovered on lonely San Nicolas Island, 55 miles off the coast of California.

'Baby Brother' Crater

The skeleton of an antediluvian reptile, 50,000,000 years old, was found near the ancient city of Leticia, in Colombia.

The Royal Ontario Museum of Toronto, announced the discovery of a round, water-filled crater in the wilds of Northern Labrador.

The crater, 185 yards across, may be a "baby brother" to the much larger Chubb Crater, 6.5 miles in diameter, which was scientifically studied in 1951.

Both could have been formed by a collision of a meteor with the earth 3,000 to 15,000 years ago.

Seeking to solve one of nature's great riddles, the composition and origin of cosmic rays, a U.S. Navy cosmic ray expedition launched "kyhook" plastic balloons from the deck of a seaplane tender in Pacific waters off South America.

"Operation Muskrit," another Navy project, launched combination rocket-balloons from an icebreaker lying off Baffin Island, in the Arctic.

A new observation station for gathering data on cosmic rays and atmospheric conditions was established by the University of Alaska and New York University on top of a 14,500-foot peak in the Wrangell Mountains, 200 miles northeast of Anchorage, in Alaska. Cosmic ray studies at the top of 18,000-foot Mount Chacaboya, in Bolivia, were sponsored by the Atomic Energy Commission.

Biggest Water Meter

On Palomar Mountain, California, astronomers working with the 48-inch photo-telescope disclosed that their monumental Sky Survey is three-quarters completed. A comprehensive photographic survey of the visible universe has already been completed.

The biggest water meter in history was used by Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution to measure the flow of the Gulf Stream through the 100-mile-wide Straits of Florida.

The average flow, it was estimated, was 7,245 million gallons, or 100 million bath-tubs full, every second.

Meanwhile, Smithsonian Institution experts went under water in the same Straits to hunt priceless historical objects from a Spanish ship believed to have been sunk 220 years ago.

The Marine Laboratory of the University of Miami continued its study of ocean plankton and pelagic (ocean-going) fish. Scientists worked with fine silk nets to a depth of 400 fathoms in the Gulf Stream.

South Africa Not To Devalue Its £

Pretoria, Jan. 21. The Governor of the South African Reserve Bank, Dr M. H. de Kock, described as "ridiculous and unfounded" a rumour about devaluation of the South African pound.

He said the rumour already had been refuted to considerable exchange transactions obviously intended to protect the persons concerned against loss in the event of devaluation.

He added that like the Ministers of Finance and Economic Affairs, he saw "absolutely no reason" why the Union should again devalue. He also said the act of devaluing the exchange value of currency in terms of all or many other currencies was never lightly undertaken and only contemplated if circumstances forced it as the only way out of the country's difficulties or if there was some "net" advantage to be derived. In the "present and prospective" circumstances of the Union, he could not visualise any net advantage from devaluation. On the contrary, he could see obvious disadvantages, such as further internal inflation and distortion of price and cost relationships and further harmful disturbances in relations between creditors and debtors, producers and consumers, and employers and employees.

DISADVANTAGES

He did not know any actual or potential factors powerful enough to force the Union to do something which would be economically disadvantageous to the country in the long run, if not also in the short run.

As to the decline of about £30 million in the country's gold and exchange reserves during 1953 except for an undercurrent of £5 million, this decline was anticipated in consequence of the official policy under which import control was not only to allow for all essential needs of manufacturing, mining and agriculture, and most urgent consumer goods but also to provide all capital equipment for huge public and private development programmes, the Governor said.—China Mail Special.

New York Sugar Futures

New York, Jan. 21. World No. 4 sugar futures today closed unchanged to 2 points higher with sales of 123 contracts.

Domestic No. 6 sugar futures closed 1 to 2 points lower with sales of 409 contracts. Future closings:

Contract No. 4 (world)	March	May	July	September	October	November	Spot (cents per lb. for Cuba)
	3.22	3.25	3.28	3.30	3.32	3.35	3.22
Contract No. 6	March	May	July	September	October	November	Spot (cents per lb. for NY ex-dock)
	3.48	3.51	3.54	3.56	3.58	3.61	3.48

—United Press.

New York Metal Futures

Lead	Jan. 21	Feb. 21	Mar. 21	Apr. 21	May 21	June 21	July 21	Aug. 21	Sept. 21	Oct. 21	Nov. 21	Dec. 21	Jan. 22
	82.00	82.00	82.00	82.00	82.00	82.00	82.00	82.00	82.00	82.00	82.00	82.00	82.00

—United Press.

CHICAGO GRAIN FUTURES

Wheat, No. 2, red	Jan. 21	Feb. 21	Mar. 21	Apr. 21	May 21	June 21	July 21	Aug. 21	Sept. 21	Oct. 21	Nov. 21	Dec. 21	Jan. 22
	2.12	2.12	2.12	2.12	2.12	2.12	2.12	2.12	2.12	2.12	2.12	2.12	2.12

—United Press.

Chicago, Jan. 21. Prices per bushel in cents: Closing prices: Wheat, No. 2, red 2.12; No. 2, white 2.12; No. 3, white 2.12; No. 4, white 2.12; No. 5, white 2.12; No. 6, white 2.12; No. 7, white 2.12; No. 8, white 2.12; No. 9, white 2.12; No. 10, white 2.12; No. 11, white 2.12; No. 12, white 2.12; No. 13, white 2.12; No. 14, white 2.12; No. 15, white 2.12; No. 16, white 2.12; No. 17, white 2.12; No. 18, white 2.12; No. 19, white 2.12; No. 20, white 2.12; No. 21, white 2.12; No. 22, white 2.12; No. 23, white 2.12; No. 24, white 2.12; No. 25, white 2.12; No. 26, white 2.12; No. 27, white 2.12; No. 28, white 2.12; No. 29, white 2.12; No. 30, white 2.12; No. 31, white 2.12; No. 32, white 2.12; No. 33, white 2.12; No. 34, white 2.12; No. 35, white 2.12; No. 36, white 2.12; No. 37, white 2.12; No. 38, white 2.12; No. 39, white 2.12; No. 40, white 2.12; No. 41, white 2.12; No. 42, white 2.12; No. 43, white 2.12; No. 44, white 2.12; No. 45, white 2.12; No. 46, white 2.12; No. 47, white 2.12; No. 48, white 2.12; 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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

Coincidence's Long Arm

BUSINESS took the silversmith down to a Kentish town—or a town of Kent, perhaps it should be. There was an open market in the town, a bustling, jolly, once-a-week affair, that infected everyone who entered it with optimism and faith that he would find something to interest him there.

When his work was done, the silversmith took a stroll round the market, and he quickly found something of the greatest interest to him.

On a stall full of oddments, his eye was caught by two silver cups that looked exact replicas to ones, in a set of 12 he had not long since designed and had made for him in his own workshop.

TWO MISSING

"NOW which of my customers," the silversmith wondered, "has been so quick to sell the cups they bought from me?" He let his mind run through the list of "About those who had bought the five cups of the 12 he had sold."

"Hum," he thought. None of those likely to sell again so soon. The stall-holder could not help by identifying whoever had sold the cups, and the silversmith took the problem back to London with him.

Next morning, in his office, he ordered that the unsold cups of the special design should be brought to him. "There are seven unsold," he said.

Five cups were produced. "The other two must have gone," the silversmith was told. The silversmith sent for orders and invoices. Only five cups had been sold; only five out of the dozen were left.

ROBIN CONFESSES

THE silversmith chewed the mystery over, and suddenly recalled that one of the craftsmen who worked for him was a Kentish man or a man of Kent. A young fellow named Robin. The silversmith sent for him.

Robin knocked on the office door. He was a sturdy built man, but he was pale and trembling now. "The silversmith began," Robin confessed at once that he had taken two and sold them on his own account down in Kent.

Next morning, at Great Marlborough Street, Robin pleaded guilty to the theft, and when the facts of the case had been briefly told Mr. Paul Bennett, VC, the magistrate, remanded him in custody for a week.

When next Robin came into the dock the probation officer, Mr. Charles Morgan, went into the witness-box.

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"**H**ES a married man, sir," said Mr. Morgan, "and has four children, aged five, four, three and two years. He was the petitioner in a divorce action, and he has the five-year-old and the three-year-old children living with him. His wife has the other two."

"During his working day, sir," Mr. Morgan went on, "this man pays a woman to look after the children. When he has paid her and certain other commitments, such as train fares and hire-purchase, he tells me he has £3, 2s. 6d. a week left with which to have, feed and clothe himself and the two children."

FOUR FREEDOMS

MR BENNETT signed, as if at the thought of the peril Robin had put his two children in by stealing. "What do you want to say?" he asked.

"Sorry for the trouble," Robin said, as though he had learned the words somewhere. "Like to get out and see the kiddies with you, it's only those two children that keep you from a prison sentence."

Robin was set free. Free to go job-hunting. Free to go home to the children with which young children chain up their elders. Free to face the money-worries and the strain again. He left the court and hurried off to Kent again, beaming.

Joke Lasted A Long Time

Adelaide, Jan. 21. A 39-year-old Lithuanian migrant, arrested here for drunkenness, when his laughter attracted the attention of a constable, was still laughing six hours later.

The Lithuanian was roaring with laughter when the police locked him in a cell. After his laughter continued non-stop for five hours, police became concerned and transferred him to the Royal Adelaide Hospital.

There, he laughed for another hour, then suddenly went to sleep. A doctor said the man's alcoholic condition had released inhibitions and, as a result, everything appeared screamingly funny.—China Mail Special.

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Democracies' Greatest Danger

Poughkeepsie, NY, Jan. 21. Sir Hartley Shawcross, former British Attorney-General, said tonight that the greatest danger facing the Western democracies was that they "should lose heart in themselves."

Addressing the Council on World Affairs of Dutchess County, New York, Sir Hartley said: "There is the greatest of our dangers—that the democracies should lose heart in themselves. And with the exception of Britain—and, as I believe, America—it is a danger more real than war."

PEKING OBSERVERS AT BIG 4 TALKS

Berlin, Jan. 21. A 12-man Red Chinese delegation has reached East Berlin, it was reliably reported today, and a bitter East-West duel appeared inevitable at next week's Big Four conference over Soviet demands that Red China be invited to a world peace parley.

Sources close to the Soviet Zone Communist Government said that the Peking delegation had come to Berlin as observers to the Big Four talks. The Russians had disclosed that they would demand a Big Five world peace parley with Red Chinese participation. They also were believed committed to press for Red China's admission to the United Nations.

But the West had declared it was coming to Berlin only to discuss Germany and an Austrian peace treaty, and that it would not spend weeks haggling with the Russians over a Big Five conference with Red China.

PESSIMISTIC If the Soviets press this demand—as they seemed determined to do—Western diplomats were pessimistic that the Big Four meeting—the first between Western and Soviet Foreign Ministers since 1949—quickly would bog down in a new deadlock.

Washington dispatches said that the United States Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, was in no mood to bargain with the Russians about Red China and was expected to pick British and French backing for such a stand in preliminary talks scheduled here this week-end.

The untold pessimism with which the West is going into this conference was further increased by renewed indications that the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. V. M. Molotov, is coming to Berlin with a take-it-or-leave-it series of unacceptable demands.—United Press.

Adder Leaves Child Unharmed

Estcourt S. Africa, Jan. 21. A full-grown, deadly night adder and the two-year-old daughter of Mr. J. J. Mostert, of Estcourt, were clobbered in the pantry of the Mostert home for two hours.

The child was placed there as the coolest spot in the house during the fierce heat. When her mother opened the pantry door later she was horrified to see the snake next to the unharmed child.

The snake was killed.—China Mail Special.

SIR THOMAS LLOYD LEAVES

London, Jan. 21. Sir Thomas Lloyd, the Permanent Under-Secretary at the Colonial Office, left London by air tonight on what he termed "an educational tour" of the Far East.

In seven weeks, he will tour Borneo, Sarawak, and Hongkong, and will have talks with Sir Gerald Temple in Malaya. Sir Thomas Lloyd said at the London airport that no particular problems would be discussed.—France-Press.

Army Officer's Court Martial

Tokyo, Jan. 22. Brigadier Norman Emrys Alderson, Victoria Cross, Barakoka, Brisbane, Financial Adviser to the Commander-in-Chief of Commonwealth forces in Japan, was the prosecution's first witness today at the court-martial of an Australian Army paymaster charged with misappropriating £50,000 sterling funds.

He was testifying at the trial of Lieutenant Norman Poole, who pleaded not guilty to 18 charges of misappropriating funds and making fraudulent statements. Brigadier Alderson testified he assisted at a check of Poole's books and cash on August 9, 1953.

Colonel C. S. Crane, Australian Army's chief paymaster in Japan, had said earlier in the trial that he had checked and found a discrepancy of \$50,000.—Reuter.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"You'd think so attractive a baby doctor would 'settle' down and raise a family of his own—I guess the responsibility frightens him!"

Custodial Troops Ready To Leave

Panmunjom, Jan. 22. Indian custodial troops in this frozen ghost town of tattered tents and barbed wire fences today prepared to retire, leaving behind about 327 South Koreans, 21 Americans and a lone Briton who have chosen Communism.

The North Korean and Chinese Commands had refused to accept their prisoners back, claiming the Indian neutral custodians had further responsibilities.

Meanwhile 14,000 Chinese, who had rejected repatriation, are aboard landing ships bound for the Chinese Nationalist island stronghold of Formosa.

About 7,000 North Koreans, who rejected repatriation, are in the hands of the South Korean authorities, who will give them the choice of joining the army or becoming civilians.

The Chinese and North Koreans do not become civilians officially until after midnight, local time, tonight. At that time American Marine guards aboard the landing ships will "withdraw" and continue to Formosa as follow passengers.

If it goes as planned, the Indian guards around 327 South Koreans, 21 Americans and a lone Briton still in the "north camp" will retire at midnight, leaving the compound gates open.

What will happen then is a matter for speculation. The prisoners will be free to wander into the neutral zone.

They will still have a chance to walk south, changing their minds about rejecting repatriation.

Or they can walk back to their former captors, reaffirming their affiliation with Communism.

The Indian Command has stated that officially it will be disinterested in the fate of the prisoners after midnight, except that their release to civilian status would be a violation of the armistice agreement.

The United Nations Command has already stated it will ignore the Indian interpretation of the agreement and release its prisoners.—Reuter.

BACKING REQUEST

London, Jan. 21. The British Labour Opposition is backing India's request that the United Nations General Assembly should be reconvened on February 9 to debate Korea, it was learned authoritatively tonight.

Mr. K. P. S. Menon, India's representative to the United Nations, had general talks with Mr. Clement Attlee, leader of the Labour Party.

Mr. Menon, who is on his way from New Delhi to New York, today had a 45-minute discussion with Lord Swinton, Commonwealth Relations Secretary.

He also had a talk with Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, Minister of State, at the Foreign Office.

The Indian envoy's London discussions are said to have covered these points:

1. The Indian proposal for the recall of the General Assembly.

2. Means by which the proposed political conference on Korea can be brought about.

MURDER TRIAL

Evidence By Knife Sharpener

A knife sharpener who had testified that he saw a man, wanted in connection with the murder of two Chinese Catholic priests, off for Canton at the Tsimshatsui railway terminus, was cross-examined this morning by Counsel defending another man charged with the murder of the priests at the Criminal Sessions.

The accused before Mr. Justice T. J. Gould, is Lo Shui-chung, 32, earth cooler, who is alleged to have taken part in a brutal attack on Fr. Peter Ngai and Fr. John Baptiste Cheng on September 7 in their quarters at Holy Souls' Church, Wanchai.

Mr. D. N. E. Rea, Crown Counsel, assisted by Mr. W. B. Searle, ADCL, Kowloon, is prosecuting.

Accused is defended by Miss B. K. Searle, instructed by Mr. S. Ng Quinn.

A jury of six men and one woman was empanelled. The knife-sharpener, Lo Kwan-kit, gave evidence that some days before the murder he gathered from the accused that a mutual friend, Ng Yau-chi, (nicknamed Wu Yau) was contemplating a robbery at the church. Then later Wu Yau had asked for his help in carrying some luggage to board a train for Canton.

The same evening, after Wu's departure, he learned of the murder through a newspaper. When he taxed the accused about this the accused claimed that Wu Yau had insisted on it and that he had had no alternative, alleged the witness.

CROSS-EXAMINED

Cross-examined by Miss Searle the knife-sharpener said that Wu Yau was his friend so he was not paid for helping him with his luggage. Wu Yau told him he was going to Canton and suggested that he go too; to look for a living.

Witness said that when Wu Yau mentioned the "affair" at Holy Souls' Church he did not connect it with his going away because he did not know of the murder.

Lo told Miss Searle that when the accused asked him whether he knew of "the circumstances up there" a few days before the murder of the priests, the accused could not have meant the circumstances up in Canton because the previous conversation was about Holy Souls' Church.

Witness agreed with Miss Searle that while he remembered the gist of that conversation, he could not remember the exact words used by the accused.

Miss Searle pointed out that the witness changed his evidence to say that he was chatting on the second floor of the Chung Wah Restaurant when instead of listening to Rediffusion at he had said at the committal proceedings because he had since discovered there was no Rediffusion on that floor. Also the witness had said the programme was a Chinese opera from the Ko Shing Theatre whereas at that night no Chinese opera was broadcast from the Ko Shing.

The witness explained that the Rediffusion was on the third floor of the boarding-house and could be heard by him on the second floor. As for the programme, he did not know whether it was from the Ko Shing but the announcer said it was a play about the meeting of Chinese actors and actresses. The trial is proceeding.

Obstructed The Police

Chul Yiu-fai, 22, who went up to a Police Constable and demanded an explanation as to why he was arresting hawkers at the Police Station, was served by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning.

Inspector W. E. B. Howell told the Court that on January 21 while PC 4137 was arresting unlicensed hawkers at Wai Nin Street, he was approached by the defendant. The defendant eloped the Constable on the back and asked him why he was making the arrests. Defendant then asked the Constable to give the hawkers a chance to sell their goods.

The Constable (unnamed) told the defendant that when he told the hawkers not to bring their goods to the Police Station a Constable who was nearby, arrested the defendant.

Illegal Harbour Dredging

Charged with dredging in the harbour without permission, six Chinese were fined \$20 or seven days' hard labour by Mr. A. G. Parker at the Marine Court this morning.

The Police said that the defendants were charged with dredging with three long poles with hooks at one end, and had picked up a large piece of scrap iron.

Hawkers Barred From Warships

The United States naval authorities have banned hawkers of any description from boarding US warships while they are in Hongkong harbour, it was disclosed this morning.

This order has been issued because hawkers have been abusing privileges aboard American naval vessels.

Mail Notices

The latest times for "posting" letters, parcels, and registered correspondence posted at G.P.O. Hongkong. The latest times for "posting" letters, parcels, and registered correspondence posted at G.P.O. Hongkong.

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By Surface: Thailand, 3 p.m.; Indo-China, 3 p.m.; Macao, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23
By Air: Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., 6 a.m.; Burma, Ceylon, 6 a.m.; Thailand, Malaysia, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.; Hongkong, 6 p.m.; Formosa, Okinawa, 6 p.m.; N. Borneo, Australia, New Zealand, 6 p.m.
By Surface: China, People's Republic, 6:30 a.m.; Malaya, Ceylon, Aden, Middle East, Noon; Formosa, 3 p.m.; Macao, 3 p.m.; Philippines, 3 p.m.; Mauritius, P.E. Africa, South Africa, 2 p.m.; Japan, 3 p.m.; Indonesia, 3 p.m.; China, People's Republic, 6 p.m.; Macao, 6 p.m.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24
By Air: Formosa, Japan, U.S.A. & Canada, Noon; Malaya, Australia, New Zealand, 6 p.m.; Indo-China, 6 p.m.; Macao, 2 p.m.

US Budget Provisions Welcomed

Singapore, Jan. 22. Malayan commercial interests this morning welcomed the provisions in President Eisenhower's American budget which, they say, will help the present depressed conditions of the tin and rubber industries which are the backbone of Malaya's economy.

These provisions were limitations of the production of synthetic rubber to 600,000 tons annually, ending of tin stockpile accumulation and closing down of the Texas Tin Smelting Works.

Limitation of the synthetic rubber production here is interpreted as giving natural rubber a better chance on the market, which should be reflected in more favourable prices.

Tin industry sources here said the budget decisions on their industry would "do much to remove artificially in the international tin market."

Tin ore from Thailand and Indonesia, which is now going to Texas for refining, can be processed here cheaper, and will give a more economical product because of smaller freight charges.

Full production at the smelters will mean an increase in employment in the industry as well as proving a boost for prices.

The British-owned morning paper, the Straits Times, comments that Mr. Eisenhower's budget statement left some questions unanswered—particularly what was to happen to the 40,000 tons of tin which was surplus to America's stockpiling requirements.

However, the general reaction was most favourable. The newspaper added that the two announcements on tin and rubber in the budget had served to whet the appetite for the report of the Randall Commission on world trade, which is due at the weekend.—Reuter.

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